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VETERAN LEGISLATION

31 August 2015



In each chamber of Congress, four forms of legislative measures may be introduced or submitted, and acted upon. These include bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and simple resolutions. Resolutions are not laws but rather the statements of intent or declarations that affect the operations of Congress

- Joint resolutions are legislative measure that requires approval by the Senate and the House and is presented to the President for his approval or disapproval, in exactly the same case as a bill.
- Concurrent resolutions are legislative measures adopted by both houses of a bicameral legislature that lacks the force of law (is non-binding) and does not require the approval of the chief executive (president). Concurrent resolutions are typically adopted to regulate the internal affairs of the legislature that adopted it, or for other purposes where authority of law is not necessary-such as awards or recognitions
- Simple resolutions are used to delegate official internal Congressional business.

In total 5,441 bills containing 3,332 amendments and 655 resolutions have been introduced in the United States Congress of which 2,728 are under Committee

consideration and 541 or under Floor consideration. Of those, on average only about 4% will become law. Those outstanding must be enacted before the end of the 2015-2017 session of the 114th Congress sometime before 3 JAN 2017. To date 521 bills have been passed by one chamber, 76 bills have been passed by both chambers of which 12 are resolving differences, 51 have been sent to the president who to date has vetoed 2 non-veteran bills and signed 49 into law of which 3 were veteran related (Clay Hunt SAV Act, Vet ID Card, & Vet Choice additional funding).

As of 31 AUG, of the 3441 House and 2009 Senate bills introduced in the 114th Congress, the ones listed below could in one way or another impact on the veteran community. A good indication on the likelihood of a bill of being forwarded to the House or Senate for passage and subsequently being signed into law by the President is the number of cosponsors who have signed onto the bill. An alternate way for it to become law is if it is added as an addendum to another bill such as the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and survives the conference committee assigned to iron out the difference between the House and Senate bills.

To locate a summary of all House/Senate bills and resolutions in numerical order go to <http://beta.congress.gov/search?q=%7B%22source%22%3A%22legislation%22%7D#> and select “Ascending” or “Descending”. This **Congress.gov** site will display up to 500 bills per page (selectable) and each item’s bill number, short title, sponsor and date introduced, number of cosponsors, last major action, and how far it is advanced in the legislation process to become law (i.e. passed House | passed Senate | sent to President | Became law). To see what the original title was (i.e. what the bill is intended to do), complete text, amendments, or related bill numbers click on the bill number.

Congress.gov is the official source for federal legislative information. It replaces the nearly 20-year-old THOMAS.gov site <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php> with a system that includes platform mobility, comprehensive information retrieval and user-friendly presentation. It currently includes all data sets available on THOMAS except nominations, treaties and communications. Thomas was supposed to be permanently retired at the end of 2014 but is still being updated and is accessible.

The Following Color Codes Apply to the Bills Listed Below

1. Bills that the RAO considers to have the highest priority are highlighted in Yellow.
2. Bill numbers and titles in violet (if any) are new additions to this summary.
3. Bills that have passed one of the chambers and been forwarded to the other or the President for signature.
4. Bills that are being pushed by various veterans groups for passage include a website highlighted in red which if clicked on will take the reader to a preformatted message for automatic transmission to their legislator requesting he/she support the bill.



House Legislation

House Bills

Note: Go to <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php> and enter bill number in the Search block to determine current cosponsor status and last major action taken by the House.

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H.R.22 : Hire More Heroes Act of 2015. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Sponsor: Rep Davis, Rodney [IL-13] (introduced 1/6/2015)

Committees: House Ways and Means; Senate Finance

Latest Major Action: 1/8/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

H.R.76 : HERO Transition from Battlespace to Workplace Act of 2015. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to encourage private employers to hire veterans, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the reasonable efforts an employer may make under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act with respect to hiring veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Jackson Lee, Sheila [TX-18] (introduced 1/6/2015)

Committees: House Ways and Means; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/6/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.90 : Veterans Healthcare Improvement Act. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct reviews of certain budget requests of the President for the medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Brownley, Julia [CA-26] (introduced 1/6/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/6/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.91 : Veteran's ID Card Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Buchanan, Vern [FL-16] (introduced 1/6/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/22/2015 Passed/agreed to in Senate. Status: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 114-31 [GPO: Text, PDF]

H.R.182 : **VA Veteran Enrollment Reporting.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit the centralized reporting of veteran enrollment by certain groups, districts, and consortiums of educational institutions.

Sponsor: Rep Calvert, Ken [CA-42] (introduced 1/7/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/7/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.203 : **Clay Hunt SAV Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 1/7/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/7/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.215 : **Defending Veterans from Sequestration Act of 2015.** A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to clarify the treatment of administrative expenses of the Department of Veterans Affairs during sequestration

Sponsor: Rep Brown, Corrine [FL-5] (introduced 1/8/2015)

Committees: House Budget

Latest Major Action: 1/8/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Budget.

H.R.216 : **Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Planning Reform Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a Future-Years Veterans Program and a quadrennial veterans review, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Chief Strategy Officer, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Brown, Corrine [FL-5] (introduced 1/8/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/8/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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H.R.218 : **CHAMPVA Child Eligibility Age.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program.

Sponsor: Rep Brown, Corrine [FL-5] (introduced 1/8/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/8/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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H.R.220 : **Veterans Dependents' Parity Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program.

Sponsor: Rep Fortenberry, Jeff [NE-1] (introduced 1/8/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/8/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.245 : **VA Claim Effective Dates.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify certain existing provisions of law relating to effective dates for claims under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Abraham, Ralph Lee [LA-5] (introduced 1/9/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/9/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.252 : **Comprehensive Homes for Heroes Act of 2015.** A bill to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Green, Al [TX-9] (introduced 1/9/2015)

Committees: House Financial Services; House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 1/9/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.260 : **INVEST Act.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the work opportunity tax credit with respect to the hiring of veterans in the field of renewable energy.

Sponsor: Rep Lee, Barbara [CA-13] (introduced 1/9/2015)

Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 1/9/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.271 : **COVER Act.** A bill to establish a commission to examine the evidence-based therapy treatment model used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for treating mental illnesses of veterans and the potential benefits of incorporating complementary alternative treatments available in non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities within the community.

Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-12] (introduced 1/12/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/12/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.272 : **Medal of Honor Priority Care Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the priority for enrollment of medal of honor recipients in the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Walberg, Tim [MI-7] (introduced 1/12/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/12/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.280 : **VA Employee Bonus Recoupment.** A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup bonuses and awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 1/12/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Major Action: 3/3/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.288 : **Veterans Medical Access Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel for certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Brownley, Julia [CA-26] (introduced 1/13/2015) Related Bills: S.171

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/13/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.294 : **Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the transfer of veterans to non-Department medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 1/13/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/13/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.303 : **Retired Pay Restoration Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or combat-related special compensation.

Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-12] (introduced 1/13/2015)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/13/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined

by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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H.R.313 : **Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Lynch, Stephen F. [MA-8] (introduced 1/13/2015)

Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform Related Bills: S.242

Latest Major Action: 1/13/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

H.R.315 : **Filipino Veterans Promise Act.** A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Meng, Grace [NY-6] (introduced 1/13/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 1/13/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.333 : **Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, to extend eligibility for concurrent receipt to chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [GA-2] (introduced 1/13/2015)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/13/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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H.R.342 : **Commissary/Exchange Eligibility Extension.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend military commissary and exchange store privileges, without time-period limitation, to members of the Armed Forces who are involuntarily separated with a service-connected disability and also to extend such privileges to their dependents.

Sponsor: Rep Denham, Jeff [CA-10] (introduced 1/14/2015)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 1/14/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.344 : **Vet Manufacturing Position Employment Pilot Program**. A bill to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to encourage the employment of veterans in manufacturing positions.
Sponsor: Rep DelBene, Suzan K. [WA-1] (introduced 1/14/2015)
Committees: House Education and the Workforce
Latest Major Action: 1/14/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R.353 : **Veterans' Access to Hearing Health Act of 2015**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Duffy, Sean P. [WI-7] (introduced 1/14/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/14/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.356 : **Wounded Warrior Employment Improvement Act**. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and publish an action plan for improving the vocational rehabilitation services and assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Maloney, Sean Patrick [NY-18] (introduced 1/14/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/14/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.359 : **Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act**. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on dog training therapy.
Sponsor: Rep Stivers, Steve [OH-15] (introduced 1/14/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/14/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.366 : **VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011**. To reauthorize the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, to provide assistance to small businesses owned by veterans, to improve enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Cohen, Steve [TN-9] (introduced 1/14/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services; House Oversight and Government Reform; House Judiciary; House Science, Space, and Technology
Latest Major Action: 1/14/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Oversight and Government Reform, the Judiciary, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.421 : **Classified Veterans Access to Care Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the mental health treatment provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans who served in classified missions.

Sponsor: Rep Sinema, Kyrsten [AZ-9] (introduced 1/20/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/20/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.456 : **Reducing Barriers for Veterans Education Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include the cost of applying to an institution of higher learning as part of the benefits provided under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program.

Sponsor: Rep Murphy, Patrick [FL-18] (introduced 1/21/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/16/2015 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

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H.R.473 : **VA Accountability to Veterans Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 1/22/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.474 : **Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs.

Sponsor: Rep Wenstrup, Brad R. [OH-2] (introduced 1/22/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.475 : **GI Bill Processing Improvement Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to educational assistance, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Wenstrup, Brad R. [OH-2] (introduced 1/22/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.476 : **GI Bill Education Quality Enhancement Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the process of approving courses of education pursued using educational benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Wenstrup, Brad R. [OH-2] (introduced 1/22/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/22/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.483 : **Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2015.** A bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Takai, Mark [HI-1] (introduced 1/22/2015)
Committees: House Judiciary
Latest Major Action: 1/22/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R.498 : **Efficient Service for Veterans Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense to jointly ensure that the Vet Centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs have access to the Defense Personnel Record Image Retrieval system and the Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense Identity Repository system.
Sponsor: Rep Denham, Jeff [CA-10] (introduced 1/22/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services
Latest Major Action: 1/22/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.502 : **Increasing VA Accountability to Veterans Act of 2015.** A bill to establish a pilot program to improve the management and accountability within the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to provide oversight of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Kilmer, Derek [WA-6] (introduced 1/22/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Budget
Latest Major Action: 1/22/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.517 : **VA Claim Appeal Backlog Task Force.** A bill to establish a task force to evaluate the backlog of appeals to claims submitted to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Titus, Dina [NV-1] (introduced 1/22/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/22/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

H.R.535 : **Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act.** A bill to award a Congressional gold medal, collectively, to the Filipino Veterans of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.
Sponsor: Rep Vargas, Juan [CA-51] (introduced 1/26/2015)
Committees: House Financial Services; House Administration
Latest Major Action: 1/26/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.563 : **Honoring Our WWII Merchant Mariners Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
Sponsor: Rep Hahn, Janice [CA-44] (introduced 1/27/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/27/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.571 : **Veterans Affairs Retaliation Prevention Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the treatment of whistleblower complaints by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 1/27/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Oversight and Government Reform
Latest Major Action: 1/27/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.572 : **Veterans Access to Community Care Act of 2015.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Mullin, Markwayne [OK-2] (introduced 1/27/2015) Related Bills: H.R.577, S.207
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/27/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.577 : **VA Non-Department Vet Care.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran.
Sponsor: Rep Zinke, Ryan K. [MT] (introduced 1/27/2015) Related Bills: H.R.572, S.207

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/27/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.593 : **Aurora VA Hospital Financing and Construction Reform Act of 2015.** A bill to extend the authorization for the construction of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado, and to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers to manage such construction.

Sponsor: Rep Coffman, Mike [CO-6] (introduced 1/28/2015) Related Bills: S.285

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/28/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.607 : **Help Hire Our Heroes Act.** A bill to amend the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 to extend the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Brownley, Julia [CA-26] (introduced 1/28/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Ways and Means; House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 1/28/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.621 : **SECVA Grant Authority.** To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants with minority serving institutions for the purpose of establishing verified delivery systems to address social and academic problems facing veterans enrolled at such institutions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Vargas, Juan [CA-51] (introduced 1/28/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/28/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.627 : **Homeless Vet Definition Expansion.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Hahn, Janice [CA-44] (introduced 1/30/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/30/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.643 : **Veterans Education Survey Act of 2015.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a contract with a non-government entity to conduct a survey of individuals who have used or are using their entitlement to educational assistance under the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-12] (introduced 2/2/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/2/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.658 : **VA Regional Office Accountability Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress an annual report on the performance of the regional offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Meng, Grace [NY-6] (introduced 2/2/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/2/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.667 : **Veterans Equal Access Act.** A bill to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers to provide recommendations and opinions to veterans regarding participation in State marijuana programs.

Sponsor: Rep Blumenauer, Earl [OR-3] (introduced 2/3/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/3/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.675 : **Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2015.** A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2015, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Abraham, Ralph Lee [LA-5] (introduced 2/3/2015) Related Bills: S.1493

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/3/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.677 : **American Heroes COLA Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Abraham, Ralph Lee [LA-5] (introduced 2/3/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/3/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.748 : **GI Bill STEM Extension Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide additional educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to certain eligible individuals.

Sponsor: Rep McKinley, David B. [WV-1] (introduced 2/5/2015) Cosponsors (1)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/5/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.763 : **VA Vet Choice Pilot Program.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program under which eligible veterans may elect to receive hospital care and medical services at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep LoBiondo, Frank A. [NJ-2] (introduced 2/5/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/5/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.800 : **Express Appeals Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide veterans the option of using an alternative appeals process to more quickly determine claims for disability compensation.

Sponsor: Rep O'Rourke, Beto [TX-16] (introduced 2/5/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/5/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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H.R.802 : **Chiropractic Health Parity for Military Beneficiaries Act.** A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a plan to provide chiropractic health care services and benefits for certain new beneficiaries as part of the TRICARE program.

Sponsor: Rep Rogers, Mike D. [AL-3] (introduced 2/5/2015)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/5/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.868 : **Veterans TRICARE Choice Act.** To provide for coordination between the TRICARE program and eligibility for making contributions to a health savings account, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Stewart, Chris [UT-2] (introduced 2/11/2015) Related Bills: S.448

Committees: House Ways and Means; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/11/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.914 : **VA/DoD Federal Recovery Coordination Program Operation.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to jointly operate the Federal Recovery Coordination Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Graham, Gwen [FL-2] (introduced 2/12/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 2/12/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.915 : **Voices for Veterans Act.** A bill to To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and expand the membership of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans to include veterans who are lesbian, gay, or bisexual and veterans who are transgender.

Sponsor: Rep DelBene, Suzan K. [WA-1] (introduced 2/12/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/12/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.926 : **Vet Guide Dogs.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of guide dogs to veterans blinded by a service-connected injury.

Sponsor: Rep Amodei, Mark E. [NV-2] (introduced 2/12/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/12/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.941 : **Non-VA Department Health Care.** A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to extend the requirement of the Secretary to furnish hospital care and medical services through non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities to veterans residing in certain locations.

Sponsor: Rep Kuster, Ann M. [NH-2] (introduced 2/12/2015)

Related Bills: S.374

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/12/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.969 : **Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Gibson, Christopher P. [NY-19] (introduced 2/13/2015) Related Bills: S.681

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/13/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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H.R.992 : **Veterans Air Travel Streamlining Act of 2015.** A bill to waive the application fee for veterans with a service-connected disability rated at 50 percent or more who apply to participate in the Transportation Security Administration's PreCheck program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Latta, Robert E. [OH-5] (introduced 2/13/2015)

Committees: House Homeland Security; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/13/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

H.R.993 : **Veterans' Independent Living Enhancement Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the limitation on the number of veterans authorized to be enrolled in programs of independent living services and assistance administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Lujan Grisham, Michelle [NM-1] (introduced 2/13/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/13/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1016 : **Biological Implant Tracking and Veteran Safety Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adopt and implement a standard identification protocol for use in the tracking and procurement of biological implants by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Roe, David P. [TN-1] (introduced 2/20/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/20/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1017 : **Veterans Information Security Improvement Act.** A bill to improve the information security of the Department of Veterans Affairs by directing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain actions to improve the transparency and the governance of the information security program of the Department, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Walorski, Jackie [IN-2] (introduced 2/20/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/20/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1038 : **Ensuring VA Employee Accountability Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee of the Department in the permanent record of the employee.
Sponsor: Rep Costello, Ryan A. [PA-6] (introduced 2/24/2015) Related Bills: S.1496
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/19/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1096 : **Real Choice for Veterans Act.** A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to clarify the distance requirements regarding the eligibility of certain veterans to receive medical care and services from non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities.
Sponsor: Rep Byrne, Bradley [AL-1] (introduced 2/26/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1127 : **VA Vet Tribal Nursing Home Grants**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make certain grants to assist nursing homes for veterans located on tribal lands.

Sponsor: Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann [AZ-1] (introduced 2/26/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1128 : **Department of Veterans Affairs Cyber Security Protection Act**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the information security of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann [AZ-1] (introduced 2/26/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1129 : **Veterans' Whistleblower and Patient Protection Act of 2015**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs an Office of Whistleblower and Patient Protection.

Sponsor: Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann [AZ-1] (introduced 2/26/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1133 : **FCU Vet Business Loans**. To amend the Federal Credit Union Act to exclude extensions of credit made to veterans from the definition of a member business loan.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 2/26/2015)

Committees: House Financial Services

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

H.R.1134 : **Access to Timely Information Act**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the submission of information by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Congress.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 2/26/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1141 : **GI Bill Fairness Act of 2015**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to consider certain time spent by members of reserve components of the Armed Forces while receiving medical care from the

Secretary of Defense as active duty for purposes of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Takano, Mark [CA-41] (introduced 2/26/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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H.R.1170 : Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act. A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services.

Sponsor: Rep Grayson, Alan [FL-9] (introduced 2/27/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/27/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1183 : Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain burial benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Scott, Austin [GA-8] (introduced 2/27/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 2/27/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.1187 : VA Home Loan Limits. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to adjust certain limits on the guaranteed amount of a home loan under the home loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Zeldin, Lee M. [NY-1] (introduced 2/27/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/27/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1227 : Work for Warriors Act of 2015. A bill to authorize a pilot program in the Department of Defense to enhance efforts to provide job placement assistance and related employment services directly to members of the National Guard and Reserves and veterans of the Armed Forces.

Sponsor: Rep Takano, Mark [CA-41] (introduced 3/3/2015)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/3/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.1292 : **Disabled Veterans Commissary and Exchange Store Benefits Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend military commissary and exchange store privileges to veterans with a compensable service-connected disability and to their dependents.

Sponsor: Rep Fortenberry, Jeff [NE-1] (introduced 3/4/2015)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 3/4/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.1302 : **VA Appeals Backlog Relief Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a deadline for the certification of certain forms by regional offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Latta, Robert E. [OH-5] (introduced 3/4/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/4/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1313 : **Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Relief Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences.

Sponsor: Rep McNerney, Jerry [CA-9] (introduced 3/4/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/4/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

H.R.1316 : **Veterans' Heritage Firearms Act of 2015.** A bill to provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their family members can register certain firearms in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, and for other purposes

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 3/4/2015) Related Bills: S.670

Committees: House Judiciary; House Ways and Means; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/19/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.1319 : **Ask Veterans Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct annual surveys of veterans on experiences obtaining hospital care and medical services from medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep O'Rourke, Beto [TX-16] (introduced 3/4/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/4/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1331 : **Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the treatment of medical evidence provided by non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical professionals in support of claims for disability compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 3/4/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/4/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1338 : **Dignified Interment of Our Veterans Act of 2015.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Shuster, Bill [PA-9] (introduced 3/6/2015) Related Bills: S.695

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/6/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1356 : **Women Veterans Access to Quality Care Act of 2015.** A bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Coffman, Mike [CO-6] (introduced 3/13/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/19/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.1357 : **Veterans Beneficiary Fraud Enforcement Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to limit the designation of certain Department of Veterans Affairs employees as beneficiaries under Veterans' Group Life Insurance, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Coffman, Mike [CO-6] (introduced 3/13/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/13/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1369 : **Veterans Access to Extended Care Act of 2015.** A bill to modify the treatment of agreements entered into by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Walorski, Jackie [IN-2] (introduced 3/16/2015) Related Bills: S.739

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Education and the Workforce

Latest Major Action: 3/16/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.1379 : **Authorize BVA to Develop Appeal Case Evidence.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Board of Veterans' Appeals to develop evidence in appeal cases, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 3/16/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/16/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1380 : **Veteran Status Medallion Eligibility**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility for a medallion furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to signify the veteran status of a deceased individual.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 3/16/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/16/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1382 : **Boosting Rates of American Veteran Employment (BRAVE) Act**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Rice, Kathleen M. [NY-4] (introduced 3/16/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/16/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1384 : **Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law.

Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 3/16/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/16/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1399 : **Veteran Education Empowerment Act**. A bill to reauthorize and improve a grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, improving, and operating Veteran Student Centers.

Sponsor: Rep Frankel, Lois [FL-22] (introduced 3/17/2015)

Committees: House Education and the Workforce

Latest Major Action: 3/17/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R.1414 : **Pay As You Rate Act**. A bill to direct the Secretary to make interim payments of disability compensation benefits for certain claims for such compensation prior to the adjudication of such claims, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Titus, Dina [NV-1] (introduced 3/17/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/17/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1475 : **Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance Act of 2015.** A bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance.

Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Sam [TX-3] (introduced 3/19/2015)

Committees: House Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 3/19/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.1496 : **Veteran Child Care Access at VA Facilities.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the access to child care for certain veterans receiving health care at a facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Higgins, Brian [NY-26] (introduced 3/19/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/19/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1500 : **TRICARE Prime Enrollment Eligibility.** A bill to ensure that certain TRICARE program beneficiaries may enroll in TRICARE Prime regardless of the location of their residence.

Sponsor: Rep Kline, John [MN-2] (introduced 3/19/2015)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 3/19/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.1505 : **Veterans Eagle Parks Pass Act.** A bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Nugent, Richard B. [FL-11] (introduced 3/19/2015)

Committees: House Natural Resources; House Agriculture

Latest Major Action: 3/19/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.1509 : **Reinstate Draft.** A bill to amend the Military Selective Service Act to require the reinstatement of the draft whenever an authorization on the use of military force or declaration of war is in effect and to provide for the registration of women with the Selective Service System, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-13] (Introduced 03/19/2015)

Committees: House - Armed Services

Latest Action: 03/19/2015 Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.1512 : **Annual American World War II City Designation.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate at least one city in the United States each year as an "American World War II City", and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Rouzer, David [NC-7] (introduced 3/19/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/19/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1532 : **Keeping our Promises to Veterans Act of 2015.** A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to modify the distance requirements regarding the eligibility of certain veterans to receive medical care and services from non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Emmer, Tom [MN-6] (introduced 3/23/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/23/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1543 : **Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Earthquake Protection & Improvement Act.** A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility projects for which appropriations were made for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Lieu, Ted [CA-33] (introduced 3/23/2015) Related Bills: S.833

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/23/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1569 : **Deceased Vet Estate Accrued Benefits.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that the estate of a deceased veteran may receive certain accrued benefits upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Zeldin, Lee M. [NY-1] (introduced 3/24/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/24/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1575 : **Women Vet Counseling Pilot Program.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program on counseling in retreat settings for women veterans newly separated from service in the Armed Forces.

Sponsor: Rep Brown, Corrine [FL-5] (introduced 3/24/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/24/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1594 : **Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan for military surviving spouses to offset the receipt of veterans dependency and indemnity compensation.

Sponsor: Rep Wilson, Joe [SC-2] (introduced 3/24/2015) Related Bills: S.979

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 3/24/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services

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H.R.1598 : **Veteran Spouses Equal Treatment Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to amend the definition of the term "spouse" to recognize new State definitions of such term for the purpose of the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Titus, Dina [NV-1] (introduced 3/25/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/25/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1603 : **Military SAVE Act.** A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to improve the private treatment of veterans who are victims of military sexual assault.
Sponsor: Rep Barr, Andy [KY-6] (introduced 3/25/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/25/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1604 : **Veterans' Mental Health Care Access Act.** To amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to expand the eligibility of veterans to receive mental health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities.
Sponsor: Rep MacArthur, Thomas [NJ-3] (introduced 3/25/2015) Related Bills: S.841
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/25/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1607 : **Ruth Moore Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Pingree, Chellie [ME-1] (introduced 3/25/2015) Related Bills: S.865
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/25/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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H.R.1628 : **Veterans Pain Management Improvement Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in each Veterans Integrated Service Network a pain management board.
Sponsor: Rep Kind, Ron [WI-3] (introduced 3/25/2015) Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/25/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1681 : **VA Construction, Accountability, and Reform Act.** A bill to extend the authorization for the major medical facility project to replace the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver, Colorado, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers to manage the construction of such project, to transfer the authority to carry out future major medical facility projects of the Department from the Secretary to the Army Corps of Engineers, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Coffman, Mike [CO-6] (introduced 3/26/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/26/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1688 : **Expand VA Choice Act Care to Include.** A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to designate 20 graduate medical education residency positions specifically for the study of optometry.

Sponsor: Rep Denham, Jeff [CA-10] (introduced 3/26/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/26/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1694 : **Fairness to Veterans for Infrastructure Investment Act of 2015.** A bill to amend MAP-21 to improve contracting opportunities for veteran-owned small business concerns, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [PA-8] (introduced 3/26/2015)

Committees: House Transportation and Infrastructure; House Small Business

Latest Major Action: 3/26/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.1735 : **National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016.** A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Thornberry, Mac [TX-13] (introduced 4/13/2015) Related Bills: S.1376, H.R.2747

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2015 Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 99.

H.R.1769 : **Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015.** A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Benishek, Dan [MI-1] (introduced 4/14/2015) Related Bills: S.901

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 4/14/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently

determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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H.R.1803 : **Veterans Back to Work Act of 2015.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the work opportunity tax credit for veterans and to allow an exemption from an employer's employment taxes in an amount equivalent to the value of such credit in the case of veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Poe, Ted [TX-2] (introduced 4/15/2015)

Committees: House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 4/15/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1816 : **Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act of 2015.** A bill to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance.

Sponsor: Rep Heck, Joseph J. [NV-3] (introduced 4/15/2015)

Committees: House Financial Services

Latest Major Action: 4/15/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

H.R.1818 : **Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2015.** A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians.

Sponsor: Rep Kinzinger, Adam [IL-16] (introduced 4/15/2015) Related Bills: S.453

Committees: House Energy and Commerce

Latest Major Action: 4/15/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.1843 : **VA Pilot Program to Improve Disabled Vet's Support.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to improve access to supportive services and community coordination for families of disabled veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Lawrence, Brenda L. [MI-14] (introduced 4/16/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/16/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1860 : **Equalizing Transparency for Veterans Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to publish information on the provision of health care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [LA-3] (introduced 4/16/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/16/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1862 : **Veterans' Credit Protection Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct outreach to veterans regarding the effect of delayed payments of claims for emergency medical care furnished by non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical providers by the Chief Business Office and to direct the Secretary to submit to Congress an annual report regarding such delayed payments.
Sponsor: Rep Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [LA-3] (introduced 4/16/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/16/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1863 : **Expand Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014.** A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to expand the Veterans Choice Program to veterans who would otherwise receive medical care from a deficient medical facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [LA-3] (introduced 4/16/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/16/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1875 : **Filipino Veterans Recognition Act.** A bill to extend the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund and to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to accept certain documents as proof of service in determining the eligibility of a person to receive amounts from such Fund.
Sponsor: Rep Heck, Joseph J. [NV-3] (introduced 4/16/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/16/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1899 : **Caregivers Expansion and Improvement Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury eligibility to participate in the family caregiver services program.
Sponsor: Rep Lawrence, Brenda L. [MI-14] (introduced 4/21/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/21/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1904 : **Wounded Warrior Workforce Enhancement Act.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree or doctoral degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Cartwright, Matt [PA-17] (introduced 4/21/2015) Related Bills: S.1021
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/21/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1909 : **Over 40 Mile Vet Non-VA Health Care.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran.

Sponsor: Rep Culberson, John Abney [TX-7] (introduced 4/21/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/21/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1911 : **VA Vet Funeral Benefits Increase.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase certain veteran funeral benefits.

Sponsor: Rep Hunter, Duncan D. [CA-50] (introduced 4/21/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/21/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1938 : **Inspectors General Transparency Act of 2015.** A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to increase transparency of the Inspectors General, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Kind, Ron [WI-3] (introduced 4/22/2015)

Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Major Action: 4/22/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

H.R.1948 : **Veterans' Access to Child Care Act.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide child care assistance to veterans receiving certain medical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Brownley, Julia [CA-26] (introduced 4/22/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/22/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.1969 : **Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2015.** A bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Langevin, James R. [RI-2] (introduced 4/22/2015) Related Bills: S.1085

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services; House Oversight and Government Reform; House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means

Latest Major Action: 4/22/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Oversight and Government Reform, Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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H.R.1978 : **Veterans Conservation Corps Act of 2015**. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans conservation corps, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Polis, Jared [CO-2] (introduced 4/22/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Transportation and Infrastructure; House Judiciary; House Science, Space, and Technology
Latest Major Action: 4/22/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.1994 : **2015 VA Accountability Act**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 4/23/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Oversight and Government Reform
House Reports: 114-225 Part 1, 114-225 Part 2
Latest Major Action: 7/29/2015 Passed House

H.R.2029 : **Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016**. A bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Dent, Charles W. [PA-15] (introduced 4/24/2015)
Committees: House Appropriations
House Reports: 114-92
Latest Major Action: 4/30/2015 Passed House

H.R.2046 : **Prescription Drug Accountability Act**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the participation of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the prescription drug monitoring programs of the States.
Sponsor: Rep Duffy, Sean P. [WI-7] (introduced 4/28/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/28/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2047 : **Ensuring Veteran Safety Through Accountability Act of 2015**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to remove senior executives of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other employees of the Department, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Duffy, Sean P. [WI-7] (introduced 4/28/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Major Action: 4/28/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.2053 : **Military Reserve Survivor Benefit Equity Act.** To amend title 10, United States Code, to eliminate the different treatment under the Survivor Benefit Plan accorded members of the reserve components who die from an injury or illness incurred or aggravated in the line of duty during inactive-duty training compared to members of the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty while on active duty.

Sponsor: Rep Chaffetz, Jason [UT-3] (introduced 4/28/2015)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 4/28/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.2054 : **Women Vet Access to VA Medical Care.** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased access to Department of Veterans Affairs medical care for women veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Brown, Corrine [FL-5] (introduced 4/28/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/28/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2067 : **Cold War Service Medal Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Israel, Steve [NY-3] (introduced 4/28/2015)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 4/28/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.2114 : **Victims of Agent Orange Relief Act of 2015.** A bill to direct the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance for individuals affected by exposure to Agent Orange, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Lee, Barbara [CA-13] (introduced 4/29/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Energy and Commerce; House Foreign Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/29/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.2123 : **Enhancing Veterans' Access to Treatment Act of 2015.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish non-formulary drugs and medicines to veterans diagnosed with mental health disorders, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Murphy, Tim [PA-18] (introduced 4/30/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/30/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2139 : **Veteran's Benefits Claims Faster Filing Act of 2015**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide notice of average times for processing claims and percentage of claims approved, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep O'Rourke, Beto [TX-16] (introduced 4/30/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/30/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2145 : **Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans Act**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program to seek to employ physicians at the Department of Veterans Affairs on a without compensation basis in practice areas and specialties with staffing shortages and long appointment waiting times.

Sponsor: Rep Culberson, John Abney [TX-7] (introduced 4/30/2015) Related Bills: S.563

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/30/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2193 : **VA Employee Fairness Act of 2015**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities relating to the collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration.

Sponsor: Rep Takano, Mark [CA-41] (introduced 4/30/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/30/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2214 : **Disabled Veterans' Access to Medical Exams Improvement Act**. A bill to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with private physicians to conduct medical disability examinations.

Sponsor: Rep Abraham, Ralph Lee [LA-5] (introduced 5/1/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/1/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2218 : **Renovate and Enhance Veterans' Meeting Halls and Posts Act of 2015**. A bill to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to set-aside community development block grant amounts in each fiscal year for grants to local chapters of veterans service organizations for rehabilitation of, and technology for, their facilities.

Sponsor: Rep Collins, Chris [NY-27] (introduced 5/1/2015)

Committees: House Financial Services

Latest Major Action: 5/1/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

H.R.2221 : **Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act of 2015.** A bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the task force of the Office of Veterans Business Development to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses.

Sponsor: Rep Duckworth, Tammy [IL-8] (introduced 5/1/2015)

Committees: House Small Business

Latest Major Action: 5/1/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

H.R.2237 : **Helping Veterans Exposed to Burn Pits Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs a center of excellence in the prevention, diagnosis, mitigation, treatment, and rehabilitation of health conditions relating to exposure to burn pits.

Sponsor: Rep Esty, Elizabeth H. [CT-5] (introduced 5/5/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/5/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.2248 : **United States Cadet Nurse Corps Equity Act.** A bill to provide that service of the members of the organization known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Lowey, Nita M. [NY-17] (introduced 5/12/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/12/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.2256 : **Veterans Information Modernization Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report on the Veterans Health Administration and the furnishing of hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Benishek, Dan [MI-1] (introduced 5/12/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/12/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2264 : **Establish Disabled Vet Space-Available Travel Category.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish a space-available transportation priority for veterans of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total.

Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-12] (introduced 5/12/2015)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/12/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.2275 : **Jobs for Veterans Act of 2015**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration and to improve employment services for veterans by consolidating various programs in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 5/12/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Ways and Means; House Budget

Latest Major Action: 5/12/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.2282 : **Veterans Education Priority Enrollment Act**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enrollment of veterans in certain courses of education, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Ryan, Tim [OH-13] (introduced 5/12/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/12/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.2286 : **Prioritizing Urgent Claims for Veterans Act**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a priority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in processing certain claims for compensation.

Sponsor: Rep Cook, Paul [CA-8] (introduced 5/13/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/13/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2291 : **Rural Veterans Travel Enhancement Act of 2015**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transport individuals to and from facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Larsen, Rick [WA-2] (introduced 5/13/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/13/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2294 : **Honor Guardsmen and Reservists Act**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make memorial headstones and markers available for purchase on behalf of members of reserve components who performed inactive duty training or active duty for training but did not serve on active duty.

Sponsor: Rep Maloney, Sean Patrick [NY-18] (introduced 5/13/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/13/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2327 : **Hmong Veterans' Service Recognition Act**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the United States in Laos during the Vietnam War era.

Sponsor: Rep Costa, Jim [CA-16] (introduced 5/14/2015) Related Bills: S.1358

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/14/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2344 : **Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Improvement Act of 2015**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the vocational rehabilitation programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Wenstrup, Brad R. [OH-2] (introduced 5/14/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/14/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2360 : **Career-Ready Student Veterans Act**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the approval of certain programs of education for purposes of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Takano, Mark [CA-41] (introduced 5/15/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/15/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2361 : **Work-Study for Student Veterans Act**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority to provide work-study allowance for certain activities by individuals receiving educational assistance by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41] (Introduced 05/15/2015)

Committees: House - Veterans' Affairs

Latest Action: 05/15/2015 Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2365 : **Construction Reform, Authorization, and Choice Improvement Act of 2015**. A bill to authorize Department major medical facility construction projects for fiscal year 2015, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the administration of Department medical facility construction projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 5/15/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/15/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2387 : **Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act.** A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Young, Don [AK] (introduced 5/15/2015)
Committees: House Natural Resources
Latest Major Action: 5/15/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.2460 : **Vet Adult Day Health Care.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans.
Sponsor: Rep Zeldin, Lee M. [NY-1] (introduced 5/19/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/19/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2464 : **Demanding Accountability for Veterans Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Benishek, Dan [MI-1] (introduced 5/20/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/20/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2465 : **Student Veterans Housing Support Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the monthly housing stipend payable under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Jolly, David W. [FL-13] (introduced 5/20/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/20/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2487 : **Fry Scholarship Enhancement Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Jeffries, Hakeem S. [NY-8] (introduced 5/21/2015) Related Bills: S.1460
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/21/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2490 : **Bertie's Respect for National Cemeteries Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the prohibition against interment or memorialization in the National Cemetery Administration or Arlington National Cemetery of persons committing Federal or State capital crimes is consistently carried out, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of George E. Siple from Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Barletta, Lou [PA-11] (introduced 5/21/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.2493 : **Wounded Warrior Service Dog Act of 2015.** A bill to establish a grant program to encourage the use of assistance dogs by certain members of the Armed Forces and veterans.
Sponsor: Rep McGovern, James P. [MA-2] (introduced 5/21/2015)
Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/21/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.2496 : **Construction Authorization and Choice Improvement Act.** A bill to extend the authorization for the replacement of the existing Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver, Colorado, to make certain improvements in the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Coffman, Mike [CO-6] (introduced 5/21/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/22/2015 Presented to President.

H.R.2499 : **Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2015.** A bill to amend the Small Business Act to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs, to help create jobs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Chabot, Steve [OH-1] (introduced 5/21/2015)
Committees: House Small Business
Latest Major Action: 5/21/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

H.R.2514 : **Helping Veterans Save for Health Care Act of 2015.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent veterans from being disqualified from contributing to health savings accounts by reason of receiving medical care for service-connected disabilities under programs administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Sam [TX-3] (introduced 5/21/2015)
Committees: House Ways and Means
Latest Major Action: 5/21/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.2516 : **Veterans E-Health & Telemedicine Support Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans via telemedicine.
Sponsor: Rep Rangel, Charles B. [NY-13] (introduced 5/21/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/21/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2522 : **Homeless Vet Household Goods Pilot Program.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to award grants for the provision of furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans to facilitate their transition into permanent housing, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Beatty, Joyce [OH-3] (introduced 5/21/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2531 : **ACES Act of 2015.** A bill to amend section 701 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to clarify the period of eligibility during which certain spouses are entitled to assistance under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship.

Sponsor: Rep Duckworth, Tammy [IL-8] (introduced 5/21/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/5/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2539 : **Surviving Spouses' Benefit Improvement Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of monthly dependency and indemnity compensation payable to surviving spouses by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Kennedy, Joseph P., III [MA-4] (introduced 5/21/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2551 : **Veterans' Entry to Apprenticeship Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans may attend pre-apprenticeship programs using certain educational assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep McSally, Martha [AZ-2] (introduced 5/21/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2555 : **Veteran Wellness Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to award grants to nonprofit veterans service organizations to upgrade the community facilities of such organizations.

Sponsor: Rep Ryan, Tim [OH-13] (introduced 5/21/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2573 : **Furnish Dependent Headstone/Marker non-VA Cemetery Burial.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish headstones and markers for the graves of dependents of veterans buried in county, private, or other cemeteries.
Sponsor: Rep Norcross, Donald [NJ-1] (introduced 5/22/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/22/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2591 : **Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund Act of 2015.** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions and to make additional contributions to the Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Israel, Steve [NY-3] (introduced 6/1/2015)
Committees: House Ways and Means; House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/5/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2605 : **Veterans Fiduciary Reform Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the supervision of fiduciaries of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Bill [OH-6] (introduced 6/2/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/5/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.2622 : **Fort McClellan Health Registry Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Tonko, Paul [NY-20] (introduced 6/2/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/5/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R.2639 : **Marriage and Family Therapists for Veterans Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for additional qualification requirements for individuals appointed to marriage and family therapist positions in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Peters, Scott H. [CA-52] (introduced 6/3/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/3/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2662 : **Fallen Heroes Family Assistance Act.** A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to clarify the situations in which the United States will cover the cost of transportation for next of kin to attend the transfer ceremony of a member of the Armed Forces who dies overseas.
Sponsor: Rep Franks, Trent [AZ-8] (introduced 6/4/2015)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/4/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.2671 : **Recruit Act**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the amount of scholarships and duration of obligated service under the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Professional Scholarship Program.

Sponsor: Rep Moulton, Seth [MA-6] (introduced 6/4/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/4/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2674 : **Flexibility and Oversight Act**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transfer funds among certain scholarship and debt reduction programs.

Sponsor: Rep Moulton, Seth [MA-6] (introduced 6/4/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/4/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2691 : **Veterans' Survivors Claims Processing Automation Act of 2015**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adjudicate and pay survivor's benefits without requiring the filing of a formal claim, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Ruiz, Raul [CA-36] (introduced 6/9/2015) Related Bills: S.1451

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/9/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2706 : **Veterans National Remembrance Act**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide priority for the establishment of new national cemeteries by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Titus, Dina [NV-1] (introduced 6/9/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/9/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2718 : **Servicemember Student Loan Affordability Act**. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend the interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service.

Sponsor: Rep Duckworth, Tammy [IL-8] (introduced 6/10/2015) Related Bills: S.1557

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/10/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2725 : **21st Century Care for Military and Veterans Act.** A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand the use of telehealth under the TRICARE program and in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Peters, Scott H. [CA-52] (introduced 6/10/2015)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/10/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.2737 : **Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015.** A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

Sponsor: Rep Gabbard, Tulsi [HI-2] (introduced 6/11/2015) Related Bills: S.1555

Committees: House Financial Services; House Administration

Latest Major Action: 6/11/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.2742 : **Military Working Dog Retirement.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require that military working dogs be retired in the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Paulsen, Erik [MN-3] (introduced 6/11/2015)

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/11/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.2747 : **Atomic Veterans Service Medal Act.** A bill to authorize the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who were exposed to ionizing radiation as a result of participation in the testing of nuclear weapons or under other circumstances.

Sponsor: Rep McGovern, James P. [MA-2] (introduced 6/12/2015) Related Bills: H.R.1735

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.2766 : **Filipino Veterans Fairness Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Speier, Jackie [CA-14] (introduced 6/12/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2813 : **Shelter Our Servicemembers Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish a grant pilot program to provide housing to elderly homeless veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Peters, Scott H. [CA-52] (introduced 6/17/2015)

Committees: House Financial Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/17/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.2835 : **Border Jobs for Veterans Act of 2015.** A bill to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers.

Sponsor: Rep McSally, Martha [AZ-2] (introduced 6/18/2015) Related Bills: S.1603

Committees: House Homeland Security; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/18/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.2852 : **Founding Legacies of Reserve Integral Combat-training Heroes (FLORICH) Act.** To provide for the eligibility for burial in Arlington National Cemetery of certain members of reserve components of the Armed Forces.

Sponsor: Rep Graves, Garret [LA-6] (introduced 6/23/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/23/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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H.R.2861 : **Veteran Employment Transition Act.** To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit to certain recently discharged veterans, to improve the coordination of veteran job training services between the Department of Labor, the Department of Veteran Affairs, and the Department of Defense, to require transparency for Executive departments in meeting the Government-wide goals for contracting with small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Peters, Scott H. [CA-52] (introduced 6/23/2015)

Committees: House Ways and Means; House Armed Services; House Small Business; House Education and the Workforce; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/23/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Small Business, Education and the Workforce, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.2894 : **CARE for All Veterans Act.** A bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Sponsor: Rep Esty, Elizabeth H. [CT-5] (introduced 6/25/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/25/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2915 : **Female Veteran Suicide Prevention Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to identify mental health care and suicide prevention programs and metrics that are effective in treating women veterans as part of the evaluation of such programs by the Secretary.
Sponsor: Rep Brownley, Julia [CA-26] (introduced 6/25/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/25/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2935 : **Disabled Veterans Red Tape Reduction Act.** A bill to provide for a five-year extension of the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of medical disability examinations by contract physicians.
Sponsor: Rep Maloney, Sean Patrick [NY-18] (introduced 6/25/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/25/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2941 : **Veterans Affairs Employee Accountability Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the receipt of bonuses by Department of Veterans Affairs employees who violate Federal civil laws or regulations, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Roe, David P. [TN-1] (introduced 6/25/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/25/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2974 : **Veteran Continuity of Care Act.** A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to increase the duration of follow-up care provided under the Veterans Choice Program.
Sponsor: Rep Brownley, Julia [CA-26] (introduced 7/8/2015)
Committees: House Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/8/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2975 : **Protect Veterans from Financial Fraud Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs repays the misused benefits of veterans with fiduciaries.
Sponsor: Rep Brownley, Julia [CA-26] (introduced 7/8/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/8/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2981 : VA Employee Congressional Testimony. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that congressional testimony by Department of Veterans Affairs employees is official duty, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Huelskamp, Tim [KS-1] (introduced 7/8/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/8/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.2999 : Fair VA Accountability Act. To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to suspend and remove employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety.

Sponsor: Rep Takano, Mark [CA-41] (introduced 7/9/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/9/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3016 : VA Provider Equity Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of podiatrists in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep Wenstrup, Brad R. [OH-2] (introduced 7/9/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/9/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3019 : Veterans Residential Care Choice Act. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish, at the request of an eligible veteran, nursing home care and hospital care at State licensed or certified residential care facilities.

Sponsor: Rep DeLauro, Rosa L. [CT-3] (introduced 7/10/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/10/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3040 : DoD/VA Unofficial Info Use Guidelines. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to develop guidelines regarding the use by the Secretaries of the military departments and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of unofficial sources of information to determine the eligibility of a member or former member of the Armed Forces for benefits and decorations when the member's service records are incomplete because of damage to the records, including records damaged by a 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

Sponsor: Rep Capps, Lois [CA-24] (introduced 7/13/2015)

Committees: House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/17/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R.3068 : Restore Honor to Service Members Act. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Pocan, Mark [WI-2] (introduced 7/15/2015)

Related Bills: S.1766

Committees: House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 7/15/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.3101 : POW Accountability Act. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to review the list of veterans designated as former prisoners of war to identify discrepancies, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Bill [OH-6] (introduced 7/16/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/16/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3113 : Empowering Our Veterans Act of 2015. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from obligating or expending funds for alternative energy generation projects unless specifically authorized by law, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Weber, Randy K., Sr. [TX-14] (introduced 7/16/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Appropriations

Latest Major Action: 7/16/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.3122 : VALOR Act of 2015. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a contract with a non-government entity for the conduct of biannual audits of Department of Veterans Affairs health care functions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Hurt, Robert [VA-5] (introduced 7/21/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/21/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3183 : Veterans Health Care Freedom Act. A bill to to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to expand and make permanent the Veterans Choice Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Jolly, David W. [FL-13] (introduced 7/23/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/23/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3200 : **VA Flexibility in Appropriated Funds Usage.** A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transfer unobligated amounts previously made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs to the medical accounts of the Department to improve the furnishing of health care to veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Brown, Corrine [FL-5] (introduced 7/23/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Appropriations

Latest Major Action: 7/23/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.3216 : **VET Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the emergency hospital care furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certain veterans.

Sponsor: Rep Newhouse, Dan [WA-4] (introduced 7/27/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/27/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3234 : **Failing VA Medical Center Recovery Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs an Office of Failing Medical Center Recovery, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Roby, Martha [AL-2] (introduced 7/28/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/28/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3236 : **Surface Transportation and Veterans Health Care Choice Improvement Act of 2015** A bill to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, to provide resource flexibility to the Department of Veterans Affairs for health care services, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Shuster, Bill [PA-9] (introduced 7/28/2015)

Related Bills: H.Res388

Committees: House Transportation and Infrastructure; House Ways and Means; House Energy and Commerce; House Science, Space, and Technology; House Natural Resources; House Veterans' Affairs; House Education and the Workforce; House Budget; House Homeland Security

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 114-41 [GPO: Text, PDF]

H.R.3246 : **Veterans Choice Funds Use.** A bill to provide for the temporary use of Veterans Choice Funds for certain programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Brown, Corrine [FL-5] (introduced 7/28/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Budget

Latest Major Action: 7/28/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.3278 : **Unclaimed Deceased Vet Internment.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is informed of the interment of unclaimed deceased veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Royce, Edward R. [CA-39] (introduced 7/29/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3312 : **Veterans Benefits Network Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants for establishing coordinated networks of services and resources for veterans and their families.

Sponsor: Rep Adams, Alma S. [NC-12] (introduced 7/29/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3365 : **Women Veterans and Families Health Services Act of 2015.** A bill to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Larsen, Rick [WA-2] (introduced 7/29/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R.3373 : **Whistleblower Complaints Review.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to review certain whistleblower complaints.

Sponsor: Rep Lowenthal, Alan S. [CA-47] (introduced 7/29/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3374 : **Wounded Warrior Assistance Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of childcare assistance to certain single parents who are participating in a Department of Veterans Affairs vocational rehabilitation program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Lowenthal, Alan S. [CA-47] (introduced 7/29/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3414 : **Veterans Access to Orthotic and Prosthetic Care Act.** A bill to improve the certification and licensing of employees and medical laboratories of the Department of Veterans Affairs that furnish prosthetic and orthotic services, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Stivers, Steve [OH-15] (introduced 7/29/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3419 : **Support for Student Veterans with Families Act.** A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to eligible educational institutions to provide child care services on campus.

Sponsor: Rep Titus, Dina [NV-1] (introduced 7/29/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.3423 : **Agent Orange Extension Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the Agent Orange Act of 1991 to extend the certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding associations between diseases and exposure to dioxin and other chemical compounds in herbicides.

Sponsor: Rep Walz, Timothy J. [MN-1] (introduced 7/29/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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1. Bills that the RAO considers to have the highest priority are highlighted in Yellow.
2. Bill numbers and titles in violet (if any) are new additions to this summary.
3. Bills that have passed one of the chambers and been forwarded to the other or the President for signature.
4. Bills that are being pushed by various veterans groups for passage include a website highlighted in red which if clicked on will take the reader to a preformatted message for automatic transmission to their legislator requesting he/she support the bill.

S.41 : **Veterans Travel Tax Relief Act of 2015**. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a deduction for travel expenses to medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities.

Sponsor: Sen Heller, Dean [NV] (introduced 1/7/2015)

Latest Major Action: 1/7/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.114 : **Veterans Affairs Research Transparency Act of 2015**. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide the public with access to research of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Heller, Dean [NV] (introduced 1/7/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/7/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.119 : **Wounded Veterans Recreation Act of 2015**. A bill to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability.

Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 1/8/2015)

Committees: Senate Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Major Action: 1/8/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.136 : **Gold Star Fathers Act of 2015**. A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service.

Sponsor: Sen Wyden, Ron [OR] (introduced 1/8/2015)

Committees: Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/8/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

S.151 : **Filipino Veterans Promise Act.** A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Heller, Dean [NV] (introduced 1/13/2015) Related bill H.R.135

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/13/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.167 : **Clay Hunt SAV Act.** A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to establish a process to determine whether individuals claiming certain service in the Philippines during World War II are eligible for certain benefits despite not being on the Missouri List, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen McCain, John [AZ] (introduced 1/13/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/13/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.171 : **VA Beneficiary Travel Program.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 1/13/2015) Related bills: H.R.281

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/13/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.172 : **Access to Appropriate Immunizations for Veterans Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements relating to the immunization of veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 1/13/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/13/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.207 : **Veterans Access to Community Care Act of 2015.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Moran, Jerry [KS] (introduced 1/21/2015) Related Bills: H.R.572, H.R.577

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/21/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.218 : **Veterans to Paramedics Transition Act of 2015.** A bill to facilitate emergency medical services personnel training and certification curriculums for veterans.
Sponsor: Sen Enzi, Michael B. [WY] (introduced 1/21/2015)
Committees: Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Latest Major Action: 1/21/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S.223 : **Homeless Vet VA Pilot Program.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program on awarding grants for provision of furniture, household items, and other assistance to homeless veterans to facilitate their transition into permanent housing, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Boxer, Barbara [CA] (introduced 1/21/2015)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/21/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.241 : **Military Family Relief Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of temporary compensation to a surviving spouse of a veteran upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 1/22/2015)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/22/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.242 : **Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 1/22/2015) Cosponsors (1) H.R.313
Committees: Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/22/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

S.244 : **Review of VA TBI Assessment Process.** A bill to require an independent comprehensive review of the process by which the Department of Veterans Affairs assesses cognitive impairments that result from traumatic brain injury for purposes of awarding disability compensation, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 1/22/2015)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 1/22/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.270 : **Charlie Morgan Military Spouses Equal Treatment Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the definition of spouse for purposes of veterans benefits in recognition of new State definitions of spouse, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 1/27/2015)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/27/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.271 : **Retired Pay Restoration Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Reid, Harry [NV] (introduced 1/27/2015)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 1/27/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.285 : **Aurora Veterans Affairs Hospital Financing and Construction Reform Act of 2015.** A bill to authorize the construction of a replacement medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Aurora, Colorado, and to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement with the Chief of Engineers to act as the construction agent with respect to such construction, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Gardner, Cory [CO] (introduced 1/28/2015) Related bills: H.R.593

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/28/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.290 : **Increasing the Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability to Veterans Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Moran, Jerry [KS] (introduced 1/28/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/28/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.297 : **Frontlines to Lifelines Act of 2015.** A bill to revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Kirk, Mark Steven [IL] (introduced 1/28/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/28/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.374 : **Extend VA Choice Act.** A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to extend the requirement of the Secretary to furnish hospital care and medical services through non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities to veterans residing in certain locations.

Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 2/4/2015)

Related Bills: H.R.941

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.398 : **VA Chiropractic Care and Services.** A bill to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Moran, Jerry [KS] (introduced 2/5/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/5/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.448 : **TRICARE Program/ Health Savings Account Coordination.** A bill to provide for coordination between the TRICARE program and eligibility for making contributions to a health savings account, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Moran, Jerry [KS] (introduced 2/11/2015) Related bills: H.R. 868

Committees: Senate Finance

Latest Major Action: 2/11/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

S.453: **Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2015.** A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to streamline State requirements and procedures for veterans with military emergency medical training to become civilian emergency medical technicians.

Sponsor: Sen Cassidy, Bill [LA] (introduced 2/11/2015) Related Bills: H.R.1818

Latest Major Action: 2/11/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S.469 : **Women Veterans and Other Health Care Improvement Act of 2015.** A bill to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Murray, Patty [WA] (introduced 2/11/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/11/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.471 : **Women Veterans Access to Quality Care Act of 2015.** A bill to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Heller, Dean [NV] (introduced 2/12/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/12/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.563 : **Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program to seek to employ physicians at the Department of Veterans Affairs on a without compensation basis in practice areas and specialties with staffing shortages and long appointment waiting times.

Sponsor: Sen Moran, Jerry [KS] (introduced 2/25/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/25/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.563 : **Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Physician Ambassadors Helping Veterans program to seek to employ physicians at the Department of Veterans Affairs on a without compensation basis in practice areas and specialties with staffing shortages and long appointment waiting times.

Sponsor: Sen Moran, Jerry [KS] (introduced 2/25/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Related Bills: H.R.2145

Latest Major Action: 2/25/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.564 : **Veterans Hearing Aid Access and Assistance Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include licensed hearing aid specialists as eligible for appointment in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Moran, Jerry [KS] (introduced 2/25/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/25/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.602 : **GI Bill Fairness Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to consider certain time spent by members of reserve components of the Armed Forces while receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as active duty for purposes of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Wyden, Ron [OR] (introduced 2/26/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.603 : **Rural Veterans Travel Enhancement Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transport individuals to and from

facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with rehabilitation, counseling, examination, treatment, and care, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 2/26/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.604 : **Veteran Education Empowerment Act.** A bill to reauthorize and improve a grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, improving, and operating Veteran Student Centers.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 2/26/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/26/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

S.627 : **Revoke VA Wait List Manipulator's Bonus.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Ayotte, Kelly [NH] (introduced 3/3/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/3/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.670 : **Veterans' Heritage Firearms Act of 2015.** A bill to provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their family members can register certain firearms in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Cotton, Tom [AR] (introduced 3/4/2015) Related Bills: H.R.1316

Latest Major Action: 3/4/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S.681 : **Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [NY] (introduced 3/9/2015) Related Bills: H.R.969

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/9/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.684 : **Homeless Veterans Prevention Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Burr, Richard [NC] (introduced 3/10/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/10/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.695 : **Dignified Interment of Our Veterans Act of 2015**. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Toomey, Pat [PA] (introduced 3/10/2015) Related Bills: H.R.1338

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/10/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.714 : **Frontline Mental Health Provider Training Act**. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to jointly conduct a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of expanding the use by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs of physician assistants specializing in psychiatric medicine, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Donnelly, Joe [IN] (introduced 3/11/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/11/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.715 : **Military and Veterans Mental Health Provider Assessment Act of 2015**. A bill to improve the provision of mental health care to members of the Armed Forces and veterans from the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Donnelly, Joe [IN] (introduced 3/11/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/11/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.717 : **Community Provider Readiness Recognition Act of 2015**. A bill to designate certain non-Department mental health care providers who treat members of the Armed Forces and veterans as providers who have particular knowledge relating to the provision of mental health care to members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Donnelly, Joe [IN] (introduced 3/11/2015) Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/11/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.733 : **Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2015**. A bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Hirono, Mazie K. [HI] (introduced 3/12/2015)

Committees: Senate Judiciary

Latest Major Action: 3/12/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S.739 **Veterans Access to Extended Care Act of 2015**. A bill to modify the treatment of agreements entered into by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish nursing home care, adult day health care, or other extended care services, and for other purposes

Sponsor: Sen Hoeven, John [ND] (introduced 3/16/2015) Related Bills: H.R.1369

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/16/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

S.743 : **Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act of 2015**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of the Armed Forces of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law, and for other purposes

Sponsor: Sen Boozman, John [AR] (introduced 3/16/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/16/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.761 : **Veterans Access to Care Act**. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to designate certain medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs as health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Klobuchar, Amy [MN] (introduced 3/17/2015)

Committees: Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Latest Major Action: 3/17/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S.788 : **Termination of VA Whistleblower Retaliators**. A bill to require the termination of any employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower.

Sponsor: Sen McCaskill, Claire [MO] (introduced 3/18/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/18/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.832 : **Care and Readiness Enhancement for Reservists Act of 2015**. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the provision of behavioral health readiness services to certain members of the Selected Reserve of the Armed Forces based on need, to expand eligibility to such members for readjustment counseling from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 3/23/2015)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 3/23/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.833 : **Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Earthquake Protection & Improvement Act**. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility projects for which appropriations were made for fiscal year 2015, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Feinstein, Dianne [CA] (introduced 3/23/2015) Related Bills: H.R.1543

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/23/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.841 : **Prioritizing Veterans Access to Mental Health Care Act of 2015.** A bill to expand eligibility for health care under the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to include certain veterans seeking mental health care, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Ernst, Joni [IA] (introduced 3/23/2015) Related Bills: H.R.1604

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/23/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.865 : **Ruth Moore Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 3/25/2015) Related Bills: H.R.1607

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/25/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.895 : **Servicemember and Veteran Protection Act of 2015.** A bill to allow members of the Armed Forces to defer principal on Federal student loans for a certain period in connection with receipt of orders for mobilization for war or national emergency, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 3/26/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/27/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.901 : **Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015.** A bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Moran, Jerry [KS] (introduced 4/13/2015) Related Bills: H.R.1769

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/13/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.957 : **Veterans Entrepreneurship Act.** A bill to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs.

Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 4/15/2015)

Committees: Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Latest Major Action: 4/23/2015 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

S.979 : Eliminate DIC Reduction of SBP. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Nelson, Bill [FL] (introduced 4/16/2015) Related Bills: H.R.1591

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 4/16/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.997 : Department of Veterans Affairs Construction, Accountability, and Reform Act. A bill to extend the authorization for the major medical facility project to replace the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Aurora, Colorado, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers to manage the construction of such project, to transfer the authority to carry out future major medical facility projects of the Department from the Secretary to the Army Corps of Engineers, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Gardner, Cory [CO] (introduced 4/16/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/16/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1021 : Wounded Warrior Workforce Enhancement Act. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to establish, or expand upon, master's degree programs in orthotics and prosthetics, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Durbin, Richard [IL] (introduced 4/21/2015) Related bills: H.R.1904

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/21/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1070 : GI Bill Transfer Rule Clarification. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for clarification regarding the children to whom entitlement to educational assistance may be transferred under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Durbin, Richard [IL] (introduced 4/23/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/23/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1082 : Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability Act of 2015. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Rubio, Marco [FL] (introduced 4/23/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/23/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1085 : **Military and Veteran Caregiver Services Improvement Act of 2015.** A bill to expand eligibility for the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand benefits available to participants under such program, to enhance special compensation for members of the uniformed services who require assistance in everyday life, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Murray, Patty [WA] (introduced 4/23/2015) Related Bills: H.R.1969

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/23/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.1105 : **Homeless Vet Dependent Children Caretaker Per Diem.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Heller, Dean [NV] (introduced 4/28/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/28/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1117 : **Ensuring Veteran Safety Through Accountability Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to remove senior executives of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct to include removal of certain other employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Johnson, Ron [WI] (introduced 4/28/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/28/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1203 : **21st Century Veterans Benefits Delivery Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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S.1286 : **Veterans Appeals Assistance and Improvement Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the backlog of appeals of decisions of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs by facilitating pro bono legal assistance for veterans before the United States Court of Veterans Appeals and the Board of Veterans' Appeals, to provide the Secretary with authority to address unreasonably delayed claims, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Shaheen, Jeanne [NH] (introduced 5/11/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/11/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1290 : **TRICARE Portability Act of 2015.** A bill to ensure the ability of covered beneficiaries under the TRICARE program to access care under a health plan under such program in each TRICARE program region, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Rounds, Mike [SD] (introduced 5/12/2015)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 5/12/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.1303 : **Veterans Education Priority Enrollment Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enrollment of veterans in certain courses of education, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Brown, Sherrod [OH] (introduced 5/12/2015) Related Bills: H.R.2282

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/12/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1358 : **Hmong Veterans' Service Recognition Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to inter in national cemeteries individuals who supported the United States in Laos during the Vietnam War era.

Sponsor: Sen Murkowski, Lisa [AK] (introduced 5/14/2015) Related Bills: H.R.2327

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/14/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1376 : **National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016.** An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen McCain, John [AZ] (introduced 5/19/2015) Related Bills: H.R.1735

Committees: Senate Armed Services

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Latest Major Action: 5/19/2015 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 88.

S.1400 : **Vet Owned Businesses Access to Surplus Prosperity.** A bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the task force of the Office of Veterans Business Development to provide access to and manage the distribution of excess or surplus property to veteran-owned small businesses.

Sponsor: Sen Durbin, Richard [IL] (introduced 5/20/2015)

Committees: Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Latest Major Action: 5/20/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

S.1450 : **Department of Veterans Affairs Emergency Medical Staffing Recruitment and Retention Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modify the

hours of employment of physicians and physician assistants employed on a full-time basis by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Sen Hirono, Mazie K. [HI] (introduced 5/21/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1451 : **Veterans' Survivors Claims Processing Automation Act of 2015**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adjudicate and pay survivor's benefits without requiring the filing of a formal claim, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Hirono, Mazie K. [HI] (introduced 5/21/2015) Related Bills: H.R.2691

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1452 : **Veterans Emergency Health Care Safety Net Expansion Act of 2015**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for reimbursements for emergency medical treatment and to require that the Department of Veterans Affairs be treated as a participating provider for the recovery of the costs of certain medical care, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Hirono, Mazie K. [HI] (introduced 5/21/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1460 : **Fry Scholarship Enhancement Act of 2015**. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Brown, Sherrod [OH] (introduced 5/22/2015) Related Bills: H.R.2487

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/22/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

S.1463 : **Access to Community Care for Veterans Act of 2015**. A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to modify the distance requirement for expanded availability of hospital care and medical services for veterans through the use of agreements with non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities.

Sponsor: Sen Moran, Jerry [KS] (introduced 5/22/2015)

Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Budget

Latest Major Action: 5/26/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S.1493 : **Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2015.** A bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2015, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Isakson, Johnny [GA] (introduced 6/3/2015) Related Bills: H.R.675

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/3/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1496 : **Ensuring Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Accountability Act.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee of the Department in the permanent record of the employee.

Sponsor: Sen Cassidy, Bill [LA] (introduced 6/3/2015) Related Bills: H.R.1038

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/3/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1555 : **Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015.** A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Filipino veterans of World War II, in recognition of the dedicated service of the veterans during World War II.

Sponsor: Sen Hirono, Mazie K. [HI] (introduced 6/11/2015) Related Bills: H.R.2737

Committees: Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/11/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S.1557 : **Servicemember Student Loan Affordability Act of 2015.** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend the interest rate limitation on debt entered into during military service to debt incurred during military service to consolidate or refinance student loans incurred before military service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Durbin, Richard [IL] (introduced 6/11/2015) Related Bills: H.R.2718

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/11/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1567 : **Vet Mental Health Disorder Discharge Characterization Review.** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for a review of the characterization or terms of discharge from the Armed Forces of individuals with mental health disorders alleged to affect terms of discharge.

Sponsor: Sen Peters, Gary C. [MI] (introduced 6/11/2015)

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 6/11/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.1568 : **VAMC Denver CO Funding.** A bill to extend the authorization to carry out the replacement of the existing medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Denver, Colorado, to authorize transfers of amounts to carry out the replacement of such medical center, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Gardner, Cory [CO] (introduced 6/11/2015)
Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 114-25 [GPO: Text, PDF]

S.1603 : **Border Jobs for Veterans Act of 2015.** A bill to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection Officers.
Sponsor: Sen Flake, Jeff [AZ] (introduced 6/17/2015) Related Bills: H.R.2835
Committees: Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/24/2015 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

S.1641 : **Jason Simcakoski Memorial Opioid Safety Act.** A bill to improve the use by the Department of Veterans Affairs of opioids in treating veterans, to improve patient advocacy by the Department, and to expand availability of complementary and integrative health, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Baldwin, Tammy [WI] (introduced 6/22/2015)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/22/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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S.1676 : **Delivering Opportunities for Care and Services for Veterans Act of 2015.** A bill to increase the number of graduate medical education positions treating veterans, to improve the compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 6/24/2015)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/24/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1693 : **Vet Emergency Medical Treatment Reimbursement.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for reimbursement for emergency medical treatment to certain veterans that were unable to receive care from the Department of Veterans Affairs in the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of such emergency treatment, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Hirono, Mazie K. [HI] (introduced 6/25/2015)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 6/25/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1721 : **Joint Formularies for Veterans Act of 2015.** A bill to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a joint uniform formulary with respect to systemic pain and psychotropic drugs that are critical for the transition of an individual from receiving health care services furnished by the Secretary of Defense to health care services furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Blumenthal, Richard [CT] (introduced 7/8/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/8/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1731 : **Homeless Veterans Services Protection Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive the minimum period of continuous active duty in the Armed Forces for receipt of certain benefits for homeless veterans, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish such benefits to homeless veterans with discharges or releases from service in the Armed Forces with other than dishonorable conditions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Murray, Patty [WA] (introduced 7/9/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/9/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1766 : **Restore Honor to Service Members Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Schatz, Brian [HI] (introduced 7/15/2015)

Related Bills: H.R. 3068

Committees: Senate Armed Services

Latest Major Action: 7/15/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

S.1775 : **World War II Merchant Mariner Service Act.** A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept additional documentation when considering the application for veterans status of an individual who performed service as a coastwise merchant seaman during World War II, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Murphy, Christopher S. [CT] (introduced 7/15/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/15/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1797 : **Connect with Veterans Act of 2015.** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a voluntary national directory of veterans to support outreach to veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Heitkamp, Heidi [ND] (introduced 7/16/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/16/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1856 : **VA Employee Suspension and Removal.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for suspension and removal of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance or misconduct that is a threat to public health or safety and to improve accountability of employees of the Department, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Blumenthal, Richard [CT] (introduced 7/23/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/23/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S.1885 : **Veteran Housing Stability Act of 2015.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of assistance and benefits to veterans who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or occupying temporary housing, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Blumenthal, Richard [CT] (introduced 7/29/2015)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/29/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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