

CBO ESTIMATE OF THE STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO EFFECTS FOR H.R. 3219, THE VETERANS' BENEFITS ACT OF 2010 AS PROVIDED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

	By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—												
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2010–2015	2010–2020
Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Impact ^a	0	0	-154	-70	-115	-55	74	74	77	79	82	-394	-8

^aH.R. 3219 contains provisions that would both increase and decrease direct spending for veterans' programs. Affected programs include veterans' education and employment benefits, disability compensation and pensions, burial benefits, and housing and insurance benefits for disabled veterans.

The amendment (No. 4671) was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill, as amended, read a third time.

The bill (H.R. 3219) was read the third time and passed.

The amendment (No. 4672) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: to amend the title)

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, and the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM IN THAILAND

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 408, S. Res. 469.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 469) recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Fulbright Program in Thailand.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 469) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 469

Whereas 2008 was the 175th anniversary of relations between the Kingdom of Thailand and the United States;

Whereas the Fulbright Program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State;

Whereas the Fulbright Program currently operates in over 150 countries;

Whereas the Thailand-United States Educational Foundation (TUSEF) was established by a formal agreement in 1950;

Whereas 2010 is the 60th anniversary of the Fulbright Program partnership with the Kingdom of Thailand;

Whereas approximately 1,600 Fulbright students and scholars from Thailand have studied, conducted research, or lectured in the United States;

Whereas 800 Fulbright grantees from the United States conducted research or gave lectures in Thailand from 1951 through 2008;

Whereas active consideration is being given to increasing the emphasis of the Fulbright Program in southern Thailand, including through the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Program; and

Whereas the United States Government supports additional programs in Thailand in the areas of education, democracy promotion, good governance, and public diplomacy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate encourages the President to maintain and expand interaction with the Kingdom of Thailand in ways which facilitate close coordination and partnership in the areas of education and cultural exchange throughout all of Thailand, including the southern provinces.

FEED AMERICA DAY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of and the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 646.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 646) designating Thursday, November 18, 2010, as "Feed America Day."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 646) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 646

Whereas Thanksgiving Day celebrates the spirit of selfless giving and an appreciation for family and friends;

Whereas the spirit of Thanksgiving Day is a virtue upon which the United States was founded;

Whereas, according to the Department of Agriculture, roughly 35,000,000 people in the United States, including 12,000,000 children, continue to live in households that do not have an adequate supply of food; and

Whereas selfless sacrifice breeds a genuine spirit of thanksgiving, both affirming and restoring fundamental principles in our society: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates Thursday, November 18, 2010, as "Feed America Day"; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to sacrifice 2 meals on Thursday, November 18, 2010, and to donate the money that would have been spent on that food to the religious or charitable organization of their choice for the purpose of feeding the hungry.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration en bloc of the following resolutions, which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 652, S. Res. 653, S. Res. 654, S. Res. 655, S. Res. 656, S. Res. 657, S. Res. 658, S. Res. 659, S. Res. 660, and S. Res. 661.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to the resolutions be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING MR. ALFRED LIND

The resolution (S. Res. 652) honoring Mr. Alfred Lind for his dedicated service to the United States of America during World War II as a member of the Armed Forces and a prisoner of war, and for his tireless efforts on behalf of other members of the Armed Forces touched by war was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 652

Whereas Mr. Alfred Lind served in World War II from 1942 to 1945 as a member of the 58th Armored Field Artillery Battalion;

Whereas Mr. Lind was wounded in action in combat near Brolo, Sicily when his M-7 self-propelled howitzer was hit during a tank battle;

Whereas Mr. Lind was captured and held as a prisoner of war for 2 years, being transferred between Stalag IIB near Hammerstein, Stalag IIB near Furstenberg, and Stalag IIIA near Luckenwalde;

Whereas, after the war, Mr. Lind returned to his roots as a farmer and retired after many years of hard work;

Whereas, after retiring, Mr. Lind turned his attention to supporting members of the Armed Forces by making quilts for the Quilts of Valor Foundation;

Whereas the Quilt of Valor Foundation distributes handmade quilts to members of the Armed Forces and veterans who have been wounded or touched by war to demonstrate support, honor and care for our Armed Forces;

Whereas the Quilt of Valor Foundation has made and distributed over 30,000 quilts to members of the Armed Forces and veterans since the foundation began in 2003;

Whereas Mr. Lind has made over 400 quilts in honor of other members of the Armed Forces who have been touched by war;

Whereas Mr. Lind passed away on September 10, 2010, at the age of 92; and

Whereas Mr. Lind was a true patriot, who continued his service to the Armed Forces of the United States long after his retirement: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate honors Mr. Alfred Lind for—

(1) his service to the United States as a soldier and as a prisoner of war; and

(2) his dedication to provide solace and comfort through Quilts of Valor to members of the Armed Forces and veterans alike.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM WORKERS

The resolution (S. Res. 653) designating October 30, 2010, as national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 653

Whereas, since World War II, hundreds of thousands of men and women, including uranium miners, millers, and haulers, have served the United States by building the nuclear defense weapons of the United States;

Whereas these dedicated workers paid a high price for their service to develop a nuclear weapons program for the benefit of the United States, including having developed disabling or fatal illnesses;

Whereas, in 2009, Congress recognized the contribution, service, and sacrifice these patriotic men and women made for the defense of the United States;

Whereas, in the year prior to the approval of this resolution, a national day of remembrance time capsule has been crossing the United States, collecting artifacts and the stories of the nuclear workers relating to the nuclear defense era of the United States;

Whereas these stories and artifacts reinforce the importance of recognizing these nuclear workers; and

Whereas these patriotic men and women deserve to be recognized for the contribution, service, and sacrifice they have made for the defense of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 30, 2010, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers, including uranium miners, millers, and haulers, of the United States; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to support and participate in appro-

appropriate ceremonies, programs, and other activities to commemorate October 30, 2010, as a national day of remembrance for past and present workers in the nuclear weapons program of the United States.

GOLD STAR WIVES DAY

The resolution (S. Res. 654) designating December 18, 2010, as “Gold Star Wives Day” was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 654

Whereas the Senate has always honored the sacrifices made by the spouses and families of the fallen members of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. represents the spouses and families of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who have died on active duty or as a result of a service-connected disability;

Whereas the primary mission of the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. is to provide services, support, and friendship to the spouses of the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas, in 1945, the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. was organized with the help of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt to assist the families left behind by the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas the first meeting of the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. was in 1945;

Whereas December 18, 2010, marks the 65th anniversary of the incorporation of the Gold Star Wives of America;

Whereas the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States bear the burden of protecting freedom for the United States; and

Whereas the sacrifices of the families of the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States should never be forgotten: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates December 18, 2010, as “Gold Star Wives Day”;

(2) honors and recognizes—

(A) the contributions of the members of the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.; and

(B) the dedication of the members of the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. to the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe “Gold Star Wives Day” to promote awareness of—

(A) the contributions and dedication of the members of the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. to the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(B) the important role the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. plays in the lives of the spouses and families of the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States.

STOMACH CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The resolution (S. Res. 655) designating November 2010 as “Stomach Cancer Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to educate the public about stomach cancer was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 655

Whereas stomach cancer is one of the most difficult cancers to detect and treat in the early stages of the disease, which contributes to high mortality rates and human suffering;

Whereas stomach cancer is the second leading cause of cancer mortality worldwide;

Whereas, in 2009, an estimated 21,000 new cases of stomach cancer were diagnosed in the United States;

Whereas, in 2010, an estimated 10,000 Americans will die from stomach cancer;

Whereas the estimated 5-year survival rate for stomach cancer is only 26 percent;

Whereas approximately 1 in 113 individuals will be diagnosed with stomach cancer in their lifetimes;

Whereas an inherited form of stomach cancer carries a 67 to 83 percent risk that an individual will be diagnosed with stomach cancer by age 80;

Whereas, in the United States, stomach cancer is more prevalent among racial and ethnic minorities;

Whereas better patient and health care provider education is needed for the timely recognition of stomach cancer risks and symptoms;

Whereas more research into effective early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for stomach cancer is needed; and

Whereas November 2010 is an appropriate month to observe “Stomach Cancer Awareness Month”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates November 2010 as “Stomach Cancer Awareness Month”;

(2) supports efforts to educate the people of the United States about stomach cancer;

(3) recognizes the need for additional research into early diagnosis and treatment for stomach cancer; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States and interested groups to observe and support November 2010 as “Stomach Cancer Awareness Month” through appropriate programs and activities to promote public awareness of, and potential treatments for, stomach cancer.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE INAUGURAL USA SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FESTIVAL

The resolution (S. Res. 656) expressing support for the inaugural USA Science & Engineering Festival was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 656

Whereas the global economy of the future will require a workforce that is educated in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (referred to in this preamble as “STEM”);

Whereas a new generation of American students educated in STEM is crucial to ensure continued economic growth;

Whereas advances in technology have resulted in significant improvements in the daily lives of the people of the United States;

Whereas scientific discoveries are critical to curing diseases, solving global challenges, and expanding our understanding of the world;

Whereas strengthening the interest of American students, particularly young