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UNITED STATES SENATE

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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

## 92nd CONGRESS—108th CONGRESS

### REPUBLICAN MEMBERS\*

#### COMMITTEE SERVICE

1. Thurmond, Strom<sup>1</sup> (South Carolina)..... Jan. 29, 1971–Jan. 7, 2003
2. Hansen, Clifford P.<sup>2</sup> (Wyoming) ..... Jan. 29, 1971–Dec. 31, 1978
3. Cook, Marlow W. (Kentucky)..... Jan. 29, 1971–Feb. 23, 1972
4. Stevens, Ted (Alaska)..... Jan. 29, 1971–Sept. 21, 1971
5. Stafford, Robert T.<sup>3</sup> (Vermont) ..... Sept. 21, 1971–Jan. 2, 1989
6. Saxbe, William B. (Ohio)..... Feb. 23, 1972–Jan. 12, 1973
7. McClure, James A. (Idaho)..... Jan. 12, 1973–Jan. 23, 1975
8. Scott, William L. (Virginia)..... Jan. 23, 1975–Sept. 19, 1975
9. Simpson, Alan K.<sup>4</sup> (Wyoming) ..... Jan. 23, 1979–Jan. 2, 1997
10. Humphrey, Gordon J. (New Hampshire)..... Jan. 23, 1979–Jan. 5, 1981
11. Kasten, Bob (Wisconsin)..... Jan. 5, 1981–Jan. 2, 1983
12. Denton, Jeremiah<sup>5</sup> (Alabama) ..... Jan. 5, 1981–Jan. 2, 1983; Feb. 15, 1983–Jan. 5, 1987
13. Murkowski, Frank H.<sup>6</sup> (Alaska)..... Jan. 5, 1981–Jan. 7, 2003
14. SPECTER, ARLEN<sup>7</sup> (Pennsylvania)..... Jan. 5, 1981–present
15. Boschwitz, Rudy (Minnesota) ..... Feb. 15, 1983–Jan. 5, 1987
16. Jeffords, James M.<sup>8</sup> (Vermont)..... Feb. 2, 1989–June 29, 2001
17. Brown, Hank (Colorado) ..... Jan. 5, 1995–Mar. 23, 1995
18. CRAIG, LARRY E. (Idaho)..... Jan. 5, 1995–present
19. CAMPBELL, BEN NIGHTHORSE<sup>9</sup> (Colorado) ..... Mar. 24, 1995–present
20. Hutchinson, Tim (Arkansas) ..... Jan. 9, 1997–Jan. 7, 2003
21. HUTCHISON, KAY BAILEY (Texas) ..... Jan. 7, 2003–present
22. BUNNING, JIM (Kentucky) ..... Jan. 7, 2003–present
23. ENSIGN, JOHN (Nevada)..... Jan. 7, 2003–present
24. GRAHAM, LINDSEY O. (South Carolina) ..... Jan. 7, 2003–present
25. MURKOWSKI, LISA (Alaska)..... Jan. 7, 2003–present

<sup>1</sup> Ranking Minority Member, Jan. 29, 1971–Jan. 12, 1973; Jan. 26, 1978–Mar. 22, 1978.

<sup>2</sup> Ranking Minority Member, Jan. 12, 1973–Feb. 22, 1977.

<sup>3</sup> Ranking Minority Member, Feb. 22, 1977–Jan. 26, 1978; Mar. 22, 1978–Jan. 25, 1979.

<sup>4</sup> Ranking Minority Member, Jan. 25, 1979–Jan. 5, 1981; Chairman, Jan. 5, 1981–Mar. 5, 1985; and Chairman, Jan. 5, 1995–Jan. 2, 1997.

<sup>5</sup> Served two separate terms.

<sup>6</sup> Chairman, Mar. 5, 1985–Jan. 5, 1987; and Ranking Minority Member, Jan. 6, 1987–Jan. 2, 1991; Jan. 4, 1993–present.

<sup>7</sup> Ranking Minority Member, Mar. 19, 1991–Jan. 4, 1993; Chairman, Jan. 9, 1997–present.

<sup>8</sup> Changed party affiliation effective June 6, 2001.

<sup>9</sup> Changed party affiliation effective Mar. 3, 1995.

#### Note:

92nd Congress, 1971 and 1972, 1st and 2nd sessions.  
93rd Congress, 1973 and 1974, 1st and 2nd sessions.  
94th Congress, 1975 and 1976, 1st and 2nd sessions.  
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108th Congress, 2003 and 2004, 1st and 2nd sessions.

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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

## 92nd CONGRESS—108th CONGRESS

### DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS\*

#### COMMITTEE SERVICE

|     |  |                              |
|-----|--|------------------------------|
| 1.  | Talmadge, Herman E. (Georgia).....                         | Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 2, 1981   |
| 2.  | Randolph, Jennings (West Virginia).....                    | Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 2, 1985   |
| 3.  | Hartke, Vance <sup>1</sup> (Indiana).....                  | Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 2, 1977   |
| 4.  | Hughes, Harold E. (Iowa).....                              | Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 2, 1975   |
| 5.  | Cranston, Alan <sup>2</sup> (California).....              | Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 4, 1993   |
| 6.  | Stone, Richard (Dick) (Florida).....                       | Jan. 17, 1975–Dec. 31, 1980  |
| 7.  | Durkin, John A. (New Hampshire).....                       | Sept. 19, 1975–Dec. 29, 1980 |
| 8.  | Matsunaga, Spark M. (Hawaii).....                          | Feb. 11, 1977–Apr. 15, 1990  |
| 9.  | DeConcini, Dennis (Arizona).....                           | Jan. 5, 1981–Jan. 4, 1995    |
| 10. | Mitchell, George J. (Maine).....                           | Jan. 5, 1981–Jan. 4, 1995    |
| 11. | ROCKEFELLER, JOHN D., IV <sup>3</sup> (West Virginia)..... | Mar. 3, 1985–present         |
| 12. | GRAHAM, BOB (Florida).....                                 | Jan. 6, 1987–present         |
| 13. | AKAKA, DANIEL K. (Hawaii).....                             | May 16, 1990–present         |
| 14. | Daschle, Thomas A. (South Dakota).....                     | Mar. 19, 1991–Jan. 4, 1995   |
| 15. | Campbell, Ben Nighthorse <sup>4</sup> (Colorado).....      | Jan. 21, 1993–Mar. 23, 1995  |
| 16. | Dorgan, Byron L. (North Dakota).....                       | Jan. 5, 1995–Dec. 29, 1995   |
| 17. | Wellstone, Paul <sup>5</sup> (Minnesota).....              | Mar. 27, 1995–Oct. 25, 2002  |
| 18. | MURRAY, PATTY (Washington).....                            | Dec. 29, 1995–present        |
| 19. | MILLER, ZELL (Georgia).....                                | Sept. 12, 2000–present       |
| 20. | JEFFORDS, JAMES M. <sup>6</sup> (I), (Vermont).....        | June 29, 2001–present        |
| 21. | NELSON, E. BENJAMIN (Nebraska).....                        | Jan. 25, 2001–present        |

<sup>1</sup> Chairman, Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 2, 1977.

<sup>2</sup> Temporary Chairman, Jan. 10, 1977–Feb. 11, 1977; Chairman, Feb. 11, 1977–Jan. 4, 1981; Ranking Minority Member, Jan. 5, 1981–Jan. 5, 1987; and Chairman, Jan. 6, 1987–Jan. 4, 1993.

<sup>3</sup> Chairman, Jan. 4, 1993–Jan. 4, 1995; Ranking Minority Member, Jan. 5, 1995–present.

<sup>4</sup> Changed party affiliation effective Mar. 3, 1995.

<sup>5</sup> Senator Wellstone deceased on Oct. 25, 2002.

<sup>6</sup> Changed party affiliation effective June 6, 2001.

#### Note:

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# CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF MEMBERSHIP ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBCOMMITTEES—92nd–108th CONGRESSES

## 92nd CONGRESS, 1971 and 1972

The 92nd Congress convened on January 21, 1971.

On January 28, 1971, S. Res. 16, as adopted, assigned the majority members as follows: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Vance Hartke (Chairman), Herman E. Talmadge, Jennings Randolph, Harold E. Hughes, and Alan Cranston.

On January 29, 1971, S. Res. 20, as adopted, assigned the minority members as follows: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Strom Thurmond (Ranking Minority Member), Clifford P. Hansen, Marlow W. Cook, and Ted Stevens.

At the Committee's first organizational meeting (executive session), dated February 3, 1971, the following Subcommittees were established (Chairman and Ranking Minority Member are ex officio members of all Subcommittees):

(1) Compensation and Pensions: Herman E. Talmadge (Chairman), Jennings Randolph, Harold E. Hughes, Clifford P. Hansen, and Strom Thurmond.

(2) Health and Hospitals: Alan Cranston (Chairman), Jennings Randolph, Harold E. Hughes, Strom Thurmond, and Clifford P. Hansen.

(3) Housing and Insurance: Harold E. Hughes (Chairman), Herman E. Talmadge, Alan Cranston, Marlow W. Cook, and Ted Stevens.

(4) Readjustment, Education, and Employment: Vance Hartke (Chairman), Herman E. Talmadge, Alan Cranston, Ted Stevens, and Marlow W. Cook.

Senator Ted Stevens' service to the Committee terminated on September 21, 1971, and Senator Robert T. Stafford's service to the Committee commenced on September 21, 1971 (S. Res. 170).

Senator Stafford became the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Readjustment, Education, and Employment and a member of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance.

Senator Marlow W. Cook's service to the Committee terminated on February 23, 1972, and Senator William B. Saxbe's service to the Committee commenced February 23, 1972 (S. Res. 261).

Senator Saxbe became the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance and a member of the Subcommittee on Readjustment, Education, and Employment.

## 93rd CONGRESS, 1973 and 1974

The 93rd Congress convened on January 3, 1973.

On January 12, 1973, Senator Clifford P. Hansen became the Ranking Minority Member, replacing Senator Strom Thurmond.

Senator William B. Saxbe's service to the Committee terminated on January 12, 1973, and Senator James A. McClure's service to the Committee commenced on January 12, 1973 (S. Res. 16).

Senator McClure became the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance and a member of the Subcommittee on Readjustment, Education, and Employment.

The organizational meeting (executive session) was held on January 29, 1973.

Senator Harold E. Hughes' service to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1975.

## 94th CONGRESS, 1975 and 1976

The 94th Congress convened on January 14, 1975.

Senator Richard (Dick) Stone was appointed to the Committee on January 17, 1975 (S. Res. 18), replacing Senator Harold E. Hughes.

Senator James A. McClure's service to the Committee terminated on January 23, 1975, and Senator William L. Scott's service to the Committee commenced on January 23, 1975 (S. Res. 24).

The organizational meeting (executive session) was held on January 28, 1975.

Senator Stone became the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance and a member of the Subcommittee on Compensation and Pensions and Subcommittee on Health and Hospitals.

Senator Scott of Virginia became the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance and a member of the Subcommittee on Readjustment, Education, and Employment.

Senator John A. Durkin's service to the Committee commenced on September 19, 1975 (S. Res. 259).

Senator Scott's service to the Committee terminated on September 19, 1975 (S. Res. 263).

An organizational meeting (executive session) was held on December 9, 1975.

Senator Vance Hartke was added to the Subcommittee on Compensation and Pensions.

Senator Durkin was added to the Subcommittee on Health and Hospitals.

Senator Hartke and Senator Hansen were added to the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance.

Senator Durkin and Senator Thurmond were added to the Subcommittee on Readjustment, Education, and Employment.

Senator Durkin became Chairman of the newly established Subcommittee on Cemeteries and Burial Benefits. The membership of this Subcommittee also included Senators Hartke, Talmadge, Randolph, Hansen (Ranking Minority Member), and Stafford.

Senator Vance Hartke's service to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1977.

## 95th CONGRESS, 1977 and 1978

The 95th Congress convened on January 4, 1977.

On January 10, 1977, the Senate adopted S. Res. 20, assigning Senator Alan Cranston as temporary Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with all subcommittees considered de novo.

On February 11, 1977, Senator Cranston became Chairman when the Senate adopted S. Res. 84. This resolution also assigned Senator Spark M. Matsunaga to the Committee.

On February 22, 1977, the Senate adopted S. Res. 90, assigning Senator Robert T. Stafford to the position of Ranking Minority Member, replacing Senator Clifford P. Hansen.

CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF MEMBERSHIP ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBCOMMITTEES—92nd–108th CONGRESSES—Continued

On March 2, 1977, an organizational meeting was held and a new Subcommittee structure (Chairman and Ranking Minority Member are ex officio nonvoting members of all Subcommittees) was adopted. The agreed on assignments were as follows:

(1) Compensation and Pension: Herman E. Talmadge (Chairman), Spark M. Matsunaga (Vice Chairman), Jennings Randolph, John A. Durkin, Clifford P. Hansen, and Robert T. Stafford.

(2) Health and Readjustment: Alan Cranston (Chairman), John A. Durkin (Vice Chairman), Jennings Randolph, Richard (Dick) Stone, Strom Thurmond, and Clifford P. Hansen.

(3) Housing, Insurance, and Cemeteries: Richard (Dick) Stone (Chairman), Herman E. Talmadge, Alan Cranston, Spark M. Matsunaga, Robert T. Stafford, and Strom Thurmond.

On January 26, 1978, Senator Strom Thurmond became the Ranking Minority Member, replacing Senator Robert T. Stafford.

On March 22, 1978, Senator Robert T. Stafford became the Ranking Minority Member, replacing Senator Strom Thurmond.

Senator Clifford P. Hansen's service to the Committee terminated on December 31, 1978.

### 96th CONGRESS, 1979 and 1980

The 96th Congress convened on January 15, 1979.

On January 23, 1979, the Senate adopted S. Res. 21, which increased the membership of the Committee from nine to ten.

On January 23, 1979, the Senate adopted S. Res. 22, which made the majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 96th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party's membership on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs was as follows:

Senators Cranston (Chairman), Talmadge, Randolph, Stone, Durkin, and Matsunaga.

On January 23, 1979, the Senate adopted S. Res. 23, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 96th Congress. The minority party's membership on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs was as follows:

Senators Stafford (Ranking Minority Member), Thurmond, Simpson, and Humphrey.

On January 25, 1979, Senator Alan K. Simpson became the Ranking Minority Member, replacing Senator Robert T. Stafford.

The services of Senators John A. Durkin and Richard (Dick) Stone to the Committee terminated on December 29 and 31, 1980, respectively.

Senator Herman E. Talmadge's service to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1981.

### 97th CONGRESS, 1981 and 1982

The 97th Congress convened on January 5, 1981, and adopted S. Res. 13, which increased the membership of the Committee from ten to twelve.

On January 5, 1981, the Senate adopted S. Res. 14, which made the majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 97th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Simpson (Chairman), Thurmond, Stafford, Kasten, Denton, Murkowski, and Specter.

On January 5, 1981, the Senate adopted S. Res. 15, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 97th Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Ranking Minority Member), Randolph, Matsunaga, DeConcini, and Mitchell.

On January 30, 1981, an organizational meeting was held.

The services of Senators Bob Kasten and Jeremiah Denton to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1983.

### 98th CONGRESS, 1983 and 1984

The 98th Congress convened on January 3, 1983.

On January 3, 1983, the Senate adopted S. Res. 8, which made the majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 98th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Simpson (Chairman), Thurmond, Stafford, Murkowski, and Specter.

On January 3, 1983, the Senate adopted S. Res. 9, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 98th Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Ranking Minority Member), Randolph, Matsunaga, DeConcini, and Mitchell.

On February 1, 1983, an organizational meeting was held.

On February 15, 1983, the Senate adopted S. Res. 65, with the following additional majority party appointments on the Committee: Senators Denton and Boschwitz.

Senator Jennings Randolph's service to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1985.

### 99th CONGRESS, 1985 and 1986

The 99th Congress convened on January 3, 1985.

On March 5, 1985, the Senate adopted S. Res. 87, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 99th Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Ranking Minority Member), Matsunaga, DeConcini, Mitchell, and Rockefeller.

On March 5, 1985, the Senate adopted S. Res. 89, which made the majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 99th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Murkowski (Chairman), Simpson, Thurmond, Stafford, Specter, Denton, and Boschwitz.

The services of Senators Jeremiah Denton and Rudy Boschwitz to the Committee terminated on January 5, 1987.

### 100th CONGRESS, 1987 and 1988

The 100th Congress convened on January 6, 1987.

On January 6, 1987, the Senate adopted S. Res. 14, which decreased the membership of the Committee from 12 to 11.

On January 6, 1987, the Senate adopted S. Res. 19, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 100th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Chairman), Matsunaga, DeConcini, Mitchell, Rockefeller, and Graham.

On January 6, 1987, the Senate adopted S. Res. 20, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 100th Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Murkowski (Ranking Minority Member), Simpson, Thurmond, Stafford, and Specter.

Senator Robert T. Stafford's service to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1989.

CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF MEMBERSHIP ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBCOMMITTEES—92nd–108th CONGRESSES—Continued

**101st CONGRESS, 1989 and 1990**

The 101st Congress convened on January 3, 1989.

On February 2, 1989, the Senate adopted S. Res. 46, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 101st Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Chairman), Matsunaga, DeConcini, Mitchell, Rockefeller, and Graham.

On February 2, 1989, the Senate adopted S. Res. 47, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 101st Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Murkowski (Ranking Minority Member), Simpson, Thurmond, Specter, and Jeffords.

Senator Spark M. Matsunaga's service to the Committee terminated on April 15, 1990.

On May 16, 1990, Senator Daniel K. Akaka replaced Senator Spark M. Matsunaga.

**102nd CONGRESS, 1991 and 1992**

The 102nd Congress convened on January 3, 1991.

On March 19, 1991, the Senate adopted S. Res. 85, which increased the membership of the Committee from 11 to 12.

On March 19, 1991, the Senate adopted S. Res. 86, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 102nd Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Chairman), DeConcini, Mitchell, Rockefeller, Graham, Akaka, and Daschle.

On March 19, 1991, the Senate adopted S. Res. 88, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 102nd Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Specter (Ranking Minority Member), Simpson, Thurmond, Murkowski, and Jeffords.

Senator Alan Cranston's service to the Committee terminated on January 4, 1993.

**103rd CONGRESS, 1993 and 1994**

The 103rd Congress convened on January 5, 1993.

On January 21, 1993, the Senate adopted S. Res. 19, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 103rd Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Rockefeller (Chairman), DeConcini, Mitchell, Graham, Akaka, Daschle, and Campbell.

On January 21, 1993, the Senate adopted S. Res. 22 which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 103rd Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Murkowski (Ranking Minority Member), Thurmond, Simpson, Specter, and Jeffords.

The services of Senators George J. Mitchell, Dennis DeConcini, and Thomas A. Daschle terminated on January 4, 1995.

**104th CONGRESS, 1995 and 1996**

The 104th Congress convened on January 4, 1995.

On January 5, 1995, the Senate adopted S. Res. 33, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 104th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Simpson (Chairman), Thurmond, Murkowski, Specter, Jeffords, Brown, and Craig.

On January 5, 1995, the Senate adopted S. Res. 32, which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 104th Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Rockefeller (Ranking Minority Member), Graham, Akaka, Campbell, and Dorgan.

On March 23, 1995, the Senate adopted S. Res. 93, which made changes to the majority appointments. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell replaced Senator Hank Brown.

Senator Paul Wellstone's service to the Committee commenced on March 27, 1995 (S. Res. 95).

On December 29, 1995, the Senate adopted S. Res. 206, which made changes to the minority appointments. Senator Patty Murray replaced Senator Byron L. Dorgan.

**105th CONGRESS, 1997 and 1998**

The 105th Congress convened on January 7, 1997.

On January 9, 1997, the Senate adopted S. Res. 14, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 105th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Specter (Chairman), Thurmond, Murkowski, Jeffords, Campbell, Craig, and Hutchinson.

On January 9, 1997, the Senate adopted S. Res. 12, which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 105th Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Rockefeller (Ranking Minority Member), Graham, Akaka, Wellstone, and Murray.

The service of Senators Alan K. Simpson terminated on January 2, 1997.

**106th CONGRESS, 1999 and 2000**

The 106th Congress convened on January 6, 1999.

On January 7, 1999, the Senate adopted S. Res. 13, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 106th Congress. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Specter, Thurmond, Murkowski, Jeffords, Campbell, Craig, and Hutchinson.

On January 7, 1999, the Senate adopted S. Res. 15, which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 106th Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Rockefeller, Graham, Akaka, Wellstone, and Murray.

On March 2, 1999, the Senate adopted S. Res. 55, which made majority and minority party appointments to Senate Committees for the 106th Congress and designated chairmen of such committees. The appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Specter (Chairman), Thurmond, Murkowski, Jeffords, Campbell, Craig, and Hutchinson.

Senators Rockefeller (Ranking Minority Member), Graham, Akaka, Wellstone, and Murray.

CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF MEMBERSHIP ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBCOMMITTEES—92nd–108th  
CONGRESSES—Continued

**107th CONGRESS, 2001 and 2002**

The 107th Congress convened on January 3, 2001.

The make up of the Senate at the outset of the 107th Congress was a 50–50 split with the deciding vote being cast by the President of the Senate. The majority was therefore held by the Democrats until the inauguration on January 20, 2001.

On January 3, 2001 the Senate adopted S. Res. 7, which designated the chairman to the Senate committees for the 108th Congress until January 20, 2001. The designee as chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs was as follows:

Senator Rockefeller (Chairman).

On January 25, 2001 the majority leader Senator Lott entered into the record the majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 107th Congress. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senator Specter, Murkowski, Thurmond, Jeffords, Campbell, Craig and T. Hutchinson.

On January 25, 2001 the minority leader Senator Daschle entered into the record the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 107th Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senator Rockefeller, Graham, Akaka, Wellstone, Murray, Miller, and Nelson (NE).

On February 7, 2001, the Senate adopted S. Res. 7, as amended, in which Sec. 2 designated the chairman to the Senate committees for the 107th Congress. The designee as chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs was as follows:

Senator Specter (Chairman).

On June 6, 2001, Senator Jeffords switched party affiliation from the Republican to the Independent party. This switch changed the majority and the minority status of the Senate. Within the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs Jeffords switch left the minority (Republican) party appointees as follows:

Senator Specter, Murkowski, Thurmond, Campbell, Craig, and T. Hutchinson.

On July 10, 2001, the majority leader Senator Daschle entered into the record the majority party appointments, as authorized by S. Res. 120 agreed upon on June 29, 2001, to Senate Committees for the 107th Congress and designated chairman of such committees. The majority appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senator Rockefeller (Chairman), Graham, Jeffords (I), Akaka, Wellstone, Murray, Miller and Nelson.

On July 17, 2001, the minority party appointed Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, as authorized by S. Res. 120 agreed upon on June 29, 2001.

Senator Paul Wellstone from Minnesota passed away on October 25, 2002. The Majority party did not appoint a new member to the Senate committee before the end of the Congress.

**108th CONGRESS, 2003 and 2004**

The 108th Congress convened on January 7, 2003.

On January 15, 2003, the Senate adopted S. Res. 18, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 108th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Specter (Chairman), Campbell, Craig, Hutchison, Bunning, Ensign, Graham and Murkowski.

On January 15, 2003, the Senate adopted S. Res. 20, which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 108th Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Mr. Graham (Ranking Minority Member), Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Akaka, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Miller and Mr. Nelson.

# LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION AND RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

## LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION

EXTRACT FROM RULE XXV OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

### STANDING COMMITTEES

1. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each Congress, and shall continue and have the power to act until their successors are appointed, with leave to report by bill or otherwise on matters within their respective jurisdictions:

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(p) Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to which committee shall be referred all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. Compensation of veterans.
2. Life insurance issued by the Government on account of service in the Armed Forces.
3. National cemeteries.
4. Pensions of all wars of the United States, general and special.
5. Readjustment of servicemen to civil life.
6. Soldiers' and sailors' civil relief.
7. Veterans' hospitals, medical care and treatment of veterans.
8. Veterans' measures generally.
9. Vocational rehabilitation and education of veterans.

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## RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE

### 108TH CONGRESS

I. MEETINGS—(a) Unless otherwise ordered, the Committee shall meet on the first Wednesday of each month. The Chairman may, upon proper notice, call such additional meetings as deemed necessary.

(b) Except as provided in subparagraphs (b) and (d) of paragraph 5 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public. The Committee shall prepare and keep a complete transcript or electronic recording adequate to fully record the proceedings of each meeting whether or not such meeting or any part thereof is closed to the public.

(c) The Chairman of the Committee, or the Ranking Majority Member present in the absence of the Chairman, or such other Member as the Chairman may designate, shall preside at all meetings.

(d) Except as provided in rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no meeting of the Committee shall be scheduled except by majority vote of the Committee or by authorization of the Chairman of the Committee.

(e) The Committee shall notify the office designated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the time, place, and purpose

of each meeting. In the event such meeting is canceled, the Committee shall immediately notify such designated office.

(f) Written notice of a Committee meeting, accompanied by an agenda enumerating the items of business to be considered, shall be sent to all Committee members at least 72 hours (not counting Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays) in advance of each meeting. In the event that the giving of such 72-hour notice is prevented by unforeseen requirements or Committee business, the Committee staff shall communicate notice by the quickest appropriate means to members or appropriate staff assistants of Members and an agenda shall be furnished prior to the meeting.

(g) Subject to the second sentence of this paragraph, it shall not be in order for the Committee to consider any amendment in the first degree proposed to any measure under consideration by the Committee unless a written copy of such amendment has been delivered to each member of the Committee at least 24 hours before the meeting at which the amendment is to be proposed. This paragraph may be waived by a majority vote of the members and shall apply only when 72-hour written notice has been provided in accordance with paragraph (f).

II. QUORUMS—(a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), eight members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the reporting or approving of any measure or matter or recommendation. Five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting any other business.

(b) In order to transact any business at a Committee meeting, at least one member of the minority shall be present. If, at any meeting, business cannot be transacted because of the absence of such a member, the matter shall lay over for a calendar day. If the presence of a minority member is not then obtained, business may be transacted by the appropriate quorum.

(c) One member shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of receiving testimony.

III. VOTING—(a) Votes may be cast by proxy. A proxy shall be written and may be conditioned by personal instructions. A proxy shall be valid only for the day given.

(b) There shall be a complete record kept of all Committee action. Such record shall contain the vote cast by each member of the Committee on any question on which a roll call vote is requested.

IV. HEARINGS AND HEARING PROCEDURES—(a) Except as specifically otherwise provided, the rules governing meetings shall govern hearings.

(b) At least 1 week in advance of the date of any hearing, the Committee shall undertake, consistent with the provisions of paragraph 4 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, to make public announcements of the date, place, time, and subject matter of such hearing.

(c) The Committee shall require each witness who is scheduled to testify at any hearing to file 40 copies of such witness's testimony with the Committee not later than 48 hours prior to the witness's scheduled appearance unless the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member determine there is good cause for failure to do so.

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(d) The presiding member at any hearing is authorized to limit the time allotted to each witness appearing before the Committee.

(e) The Chairman, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee, is authorized to subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of memoranda, documents, records, and any other materials. If the Chairman or a Committee staff member designated by the Chairman has not received from the Ranking Minority Member or a Committee staff member designated by the Ranking Minority Member notice of the Ranking Minority Member's non-concurrence in the subpoena within 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays) of being notified of the Chairman's intention to subpoena attendance or production, the Chairman is authorized following the end of the 48-hour period involved to subpoena the same without the Ranking Minority Member's concurrence. Regardless of whether a subpoena has been concurred in by the Ranking Minority Member, such subpoena may be authorized by vote of the Members of the Committee. When the Committee or Chairman authorizes a subpoena, the subpoena may be issued upon the signature of the Chairman or of any other member of the Committee designated by the Chairman.

(f) Except as specified in Committee Rule VII (requiring oaths, under certain circumstances, at hearings to confirm Presidential nominations), witnesses at hearings will be required to give testimony under oath whenever the presiding member deems such to be advisable.

V. MEDIA COVERAGE—Any Committee meeting or hearing which is open to the public may be covered by television, radio, and print media. Photographers, reporters, and crew members using mechanical recording, filming or broadcasting devices shall position and use their equipment so as not to interfere with the seating, vision, or hearing of the Committee members or staff or with the orderly conduct of the meeting or hearing. The presiding member of the meeting or hearing may for good cause terminate, in whole or in part, the use of such mechanical devices or take such other action as the circumstances and the orderly conduct of the meeting or hearing may warrant.

VI. GENERAL—All applicable requirements of the Standing Rules of the Senate shall govern the Committee.

VII. PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS—(a) Each Presidential nominee whose nomination is subject to Senate confirmation and referred to this Committee shall submit a statement of his or her background and financial interests, including the financial interests of his or her spouse and of children living in the nominee's household, on a form approved by the Committee which shall be sworn to as to its completeness and accuracy. The Committee form shall be in two parts—

(A) information concerning employment, education, and background of the nominee which generally relates to the position to which the individual is nominated, and which is to be made public; and

(B) information concerning the financial and other background of the nominee, to be made public when the Committee determines that such information bears directly on the nominee's qualifications to hold the position to which the individual is nominated.

Committee action on a nomination, including hearings or a meeting to consider a motion to recommend confirmation, shall not be initiated until at least five days after the nominee submits the form required by this rule unless the Chairman, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, waives this waiting period.

(b) At any hearing to confirm a Presidential nomination, the testimony of the nominee and, at the request of any Member, any other witness shall be under oath.

VIII. NAMING OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES—It is the policy of the Committee that no Department of Veterans Affairs facility shall be named after any individual unless—

(A) such individual is deceased and was—

(1) a veteran who (i) was instrumental in the construction or the operation of the facility to be named, or (ii) was a recipient of the Medal of Honor or, as determined by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, otherwise performed military service of an extraordinarily distinguished character;

(2) a member of the United States House of Representatives or Senate who had a direct association with such facility;

(3) an Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, a Secretary of Veterans Affairs, a Secretary of Defense or of a service branch, or a military or other Federal civilian official of comparable or higher rank; or

(4) an individual who, as determined by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, performed outstanding service for veterans;

(B) each member of the Congressional delegation representing the State in which the designated facility is located has indicated in writing such member's support of the proposal to name such facility after such individual; and

(C) the pertinent State department or chapter of each Congressionally chartered veterans' organization having a national membership of at least 500,000 has indicated in writing its support of such proposal.

IX. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES—The rules of the Committee may be changed, modified, amended, or suspended at any time, provided, however, that no less than a majority of the entire membership so determine at a regular meeting with due notice, or at a meeting specifically called for that purpose. The rules governing quorums for reporting legislative matters shall govern rules changes, modification, amendments, or suspension.

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Sponsor: Tim Johnson  
Cosponsor(s): Max Baucus (1/7/2003); Hillary Rodham Clinton (6/23/2003); Kent Conrad (9/26/2003); Thomas A. Daschle (1/7/2003); Christopher J. Dodd (4/7/2004); Richard Durbin (1/9/2003); Daniel K. Inouye (1/7/2003); Edward M. Kennedy (9/10/2003); Mary L. Landrieu (2/5/2003); Patrick J. Leahy (11/3/2003); Zell Miller (3/12/2003); Bill Nelson (7/10/2003); John D. Rockefeller IV (2/25/2003); Charles E. Schumer (11/13/2003); Debbie Stabenow (5/14/2003); Maria Cantwell (9/2/2003); Susan M. Collins (1/7/2003); Jon S. Corzine (11/17/2003); Mark Dayton (1/9/2003); Byron L. Dorgan (1/7/2003); Tom Harkin (1/7/2003); James M. Jeffords (2/6/2003); John F. Kerry (1/7/2003); Frank R. Lautenberg (5/1/2003); Barbara A. Mikulski (3/10/2004); Patty Murray (6/5/2003); Harry Reid (1/7/2003); Paul S. Sarbanes (3/10/2003); Olympia J. Snowe (3/31/2003)
- A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
- Jan. 7, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings Held.
- S. 55** **Jan. 7, 2003**  
Sponsor: Tim Johnson  
Cosponsor(s): Susan M. Collins (1/7/2003); Jon S. Corzine (4/10/2003); Frank R. Lautenberg (5/1/2003); Joseph I. Lieberman (3/26/2003); Kent Conrad (9/25/2003); John F. Kerry (10/29/2003); Patrick J. Leahy (3/3/2003)
- A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.
- Jan. 7, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- S. 57** **Jan. 7, 2003**  
Sponsor: Daniel K. Inouye  
Cosponsor(s): (none)
- Private Bill; A bill for the relief of Donald C. Pence.
- Jan. 7, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- S. 67** **Jan. 7, 2003**  
Sponsor: Daniel K. Inouye  
Cosponsor(s): (none)
- Private Bill; A bill for the relief of Jim K. Yoshida.
- Jan. 7, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- S. 68** **Jan. 7, 2003**  
Sponsor: Daniel K. Inouye  
Cosponsor(s): Daniel K. Akaka (2/24/2003); George Allen (3/17/2003); Barbara Boxer (3/17/2003); Ben Nighthorse Campbell (6/16/2004); Maria Cantwell (9/22/2003); Hillary Rodham Clinton (6/11/2003); Jon S. Corzine (2/9/2004); Richard Durbin (1/23/2003); John Edwards (11/4/2003); Dianne Feinstein (6/5/2003); John F. Kerry (11/24/2003); Mary L. Landrieu (3/24/2003); Frank R. Lautenberg (3/3/2004); Zell Miller (3/13/2003); Lisa Murkowski (5/3/2004); Patty Murray (2/12/2003); Bill Nelson (7/8/2004); Harry Reid (3/31/2003); Paul S. Sarbanes (4/9/2003); Charles E. Schumer (1/28/2004); Ted Stevens (2/27/2004)
- A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.
- Jan. 7, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- S. 69** **Jan. 7, 2003**  
Sponsor: Daniel K. Inouye  
Cosponsor(s): (none)
- A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to determine the validity of the claims of certain Filipinos that they performed military service on behalf of the United States during World War II.
- Jan. 7, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- S. 78** **Jan. 7, 2003**  
Sponsor: Daniel K. Inouye  
Cosponsor(s): (none)
- A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise certain provisions relating to the appointment of professional psychologists in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.
- Jan. 7, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- S. 177** **Jan. 16, 2003**  
Sponsor: Mark Dayton  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

**S. 177—Continued**

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill by establishing an enhanced educational assistance program and by repealing the requirement for reduction in pay for participation in the program, and for other purposes.

Jan. 16, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 249** **Jan. 30, 2003**

Sponsor: Hillary Rodham Clinton  
 Cosponsor(s): Richard Durbin (11/4/2003); Kay Bailey Hutchison (1/30/2003); John F. Kerry (7/10/2003); Mary L. Landrieu (7/22/2003); Joseph I. Lieberman (3/31/2003); Blanche L. Lincoln (9/3/2003); Patty Murray (6/18/2003); Harry Reid (7/24/2003); John D. Rockefeller IV (7/10/2003); Jeff Sessions (10/14/2003)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse.

Jan. 30, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
 July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 257** **Jan. 30, 2003**

Sponsor: Bill Nelson  
 Cosponsor(s): Jeff Bingaman (1/30/2003); John B. Breaux (1/30/2003); Kent Conrad (1/30/2003); Judd Gregg (2/25/2003); Daniel K. Inouye (1/30/2003); Tim Johnson (1/30/2003); John F. Kerry (1/30/2003); Mary L. Landrieu (1/30/2003); Carl Levin (1/30/2003); Joseph I. Lieberman (3/6/2003); John McCain (1/30/2003); E. Benjamin Nelson (1/30/2003); Harry Reid (3/6/2003); Jeff Sessions (1/30/2003); Gordon H. Smith (2/25/2003)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

Jan. 30, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
 July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 334** **Feb. 10, 2003**

Sponsor: Mary L. Landrieu  
 Cosponsor(s): (none)  
 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide eligibility for astronauts for Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

Feb. 10, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 517** **Mar. 5, 2003**

Sponsor: Patty Murray  
 Cosponsor(s): Maria Cantwell (4/30/2003); Mark Dayton (6/25/2003); Richard Durbin (7/16/2003); Barbara A. Mikulski (6/11/2003); Mark

L. Pryor (10/17/2003); Charles E. Schumer (1/22/2004); Ron Wyden (5/23/2004)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war.

Mar. 5, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
 July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 548** **Mar. 6, 2003**

Sponsor: John D. Rockefeller IV  
 Cosponsor(s): (none)  
 A bill to improve mental health programs for veterans, and for other purposes.

Mar. 6, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**S. 613** **Mar. 13, 2003**

Sponsor: Ben Nighthorse Campbell  
 Cosponsor(s): Wayne Allard (3/13/03)  
 A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to construct, lease, or modify major medical facilities at the site of the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.

Mar. 13, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
 July 29, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 615** **Mar. 13, 2003**

Sponsor: Rick Santorum  
 Cosponsor(s): Arlen Specter (3/13/2003)  
 A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Horsham, Pennsylvania, as the "Victor J. Saracini Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

Mar. 13, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
 July 29, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 730** **Mar. 27, 2003**

Sponsor: John Warner  
 Cosponsor(s): (none)  
 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit the transfer to spouses and children of a portion of the entitlement of certain members of the Armed Forces to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.

Mar. 27, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 766** **Apr. 2, 2003**

Sponsor: Bill Nelson  
 Cosponsor(s): Zell Miller (4/2/2003)

**S. 766—Continued**

A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Jacksonville, Florida, metropolitan area.

Apr. 2, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 792** **Apr. 7, 2003**

Sponsor: Zell Miller  
Cosponsor(s): Saxby Chambliss (4/7/2003); Patty Murray (5/7/2003)

A bill to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.

Apr. 7, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 806** **Apr. 7, 2003**

Sponsor: E. Benjamin Nelson  
Cosponsor(s): Jeff Bingaman (4/7/2003); Hillary Rodham Clinton (4/7/2003); Thomas A. Daschle (4/7/2003); Tim Johnson (4/7/2003); Patrick J. Leahy (4/7/2003); Carl Levin (4/7/2003); Barbara A. Mikulski (4/7/2003); Patty Murray (1/20/2004)

A bill to improve the benefits and protections provided for regular and reserve members of the Armed Forces deployed or mobilized in the interests of the national security of the United States.

Apr. 7, 2003.—Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 836** **Apr. 9, 2003**

Sponsor: John D. Rockefeller IV  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend by five years the period for the provision by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of noninstitutional extended care services and required nursing home care.

Apr. 9, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 938** **Apr. 29, 2003**

Sponsor: Patty Murray  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who died on or before September 30, 1999, under the same eligibility conditions as apply to payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who die after that date.

Apr. 29, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 967** **May 1, 2003**

Sponsor: Charles E. Schumer  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to replace with a more equitable formula the current formula, known as the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation (VERA), for the allocation of funds appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for medical care to different geographic regions of the Nation, and for other purposes.

May 1, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 978** **May 1, 2003**

Sponsor: Charles E. Schumer  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide housing loan benefits for the purchase of residential cooperative apartment units.

May 1, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 1014** **May 7, 2003**

Sponsor: Jon S. Corzine  
Cosponsor(s): Hillary Rodham Clinton (5/7/2003)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the management of health care services for veterans to place certain low-income veterans in a higher health-care priority category.

May 7, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Nov. 11, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure.

June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 1074** **May 15, 2003**

Sponsor: Arlen Specter  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance burial benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

May 15, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1077** **May 19, 2003**

Sponsor: Arlen Specter  
Cosponsor(s): Rick Santorum (5/19/2003)

A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southeastern Pennsylvania.

May 19, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1112**

**May 22, 2003**

Sponsor: John F. Kerry  
Cosponsor(s): Chuck Hagel (7/31/2003); Tom Harkin (5/22/2003)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medications on prescriptions written by private practitioners to veterans who are currently awaiting their first appointment with the Department for medical care, and for other purposes.

May 22, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1124**

**May 22, 2003**

Sponsor: Barbara A. Mikulski  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

May 22, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 1131**

**May 22, 2003**

Sponsor: Arlen Specter  
Cosponsor(s): Jim Bunning (5/22/2003); John D. Rockefeller IV (6/19/2003)

A bill to increase, effective December 1, 2003, 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.

May 22, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.  
Sept. 30, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.  
Oct. 14, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Specter without amendment. With written report No. 108–163. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 306.

**S. 1132**

**May 22, 2003**

Sponsor: Arlen Specter  
Cosponsor(s): Jim Bunning (5/22/2003); Lindsey Graham (5/22/2003)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance certain benefits for survivors of veterans, and for other purposes.

May 22, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.  
Sept. 30, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.  
Oct. 21, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Specter with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 108–169. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 316.

Oct. 31, 2003.—Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Nov. 4, 2003.—Received in the House. Message on Senate action sent to the House. Held at the desk.

Nov. 5, 2003.—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. Referred to House Veterans' Affairs. Referred to House Armed Services. Executive Comment Requested from DOD.

Dec. 17, 2003.—Referred to the Subcommittee on Total Force.

**S. 1133**

**May 22, 2003**

Sponsor: Arlen Specter  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the authorities of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation, pension, education benefits, life insurance benefits, and memorial benefits, to improve the administration of benefits for veterans and for other purposes.

May 22, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 1136**

**May 22, 2003**

Sponsor: Arlen Specter  
Cosponsor(s): Jim Bunning (5/22/2003); Lindsey Graham (6/16/2003); Zell Miller (11/21/2003)

A bill to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.

May 22, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.  
Sept. 30, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.  
Nov. 17, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Specter with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 108–197. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 393.

Nov. 21, 2003.—Measure laid before Senate by Unanimous Consent. The committee substitute agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Senate incorporated this measure in H.R. 100 as an amendment. Senate passed companion measure H.R. 100 in lieu of this measure by Unanimous Consent. Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 393.

**S. 1144**

**May 23, 2003**

Sponsor: Richard Durbin  
Cosponsor(s): Jim Bunning (5/23/2003); Tim Johnson (10/16/2003); Patty Murray (5/23/2003); John D. Rockefeller IV (5/23/2003)

A bill to name the health care facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 820 South Damen Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Jesse Brown Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

May 23, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1144—Continued**

July 29, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 1151** **May 23, 2003**

Sponsor: Russell Feingold  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to rescind the Department of Veterans Affairs memorandum of July 18, 2002, in which Directors of health service networks in the Department of Veterans Affairs are directed to ensure that no marketing activities to enroll new veterans occur within their networks.

May 23, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1153** **May 23, 2003**

Sponsor: Arlen Specter  
Cosponsor(s): Robert Bennett (7/22/2003); Christopher S. Bond (5/23/2003); Saxby Chambliss (6/10/2003); Thad Cochran (6/12/2003); Susan M. Collins (6/3/2003); Gordon H. Smith (7/9/2003); Olympia J. Snowe (6/24/2003)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an outpatient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

May 23, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

July 20, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

Nov. 19, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Specter with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 108-419. Minority views filed. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 817.

**S. 1156** **May 23, 2003**

Sponsor: Arlen Specter  
Cosponsor(s): Jim Bunning (10/23/2003)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance the provision of health care for veterans, to authorize major construction projects and other facilities matters for the Department of Veterans Affairs, to enhance and improve authorities relating to the administration of personnel of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

May 23, 2003.—Introductory remarks on the measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 29, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

Sept. 30, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

Nov. 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Specter with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 108-193.

Nov. 19, 2003.—Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous

Consent. Message on Senate action sent to the House. Received in the House. Held at the desk.

Nov. 21, 2003.—Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Considered under the suspension of the rules. At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of Clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed. Considered as unfinished business. On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 423-2 (Roll no. 658). Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. Cleared for White House.

Nov. 25, 2003.—Presented to President.

Dec. 6, 2003.—Signed by the President. Became Public Law No. 108-170.

**S. 1186** **June 4, 2003**

Sponsor: John Edwards  
Cosponsor(s): John B. Breaux (6/17/2003)

A bill to provide for a reduction in the backlog of claims for benefits pending with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

June 4, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1188** **June 5, 2003**

Sponsor: Patty Murray  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to repeal the two-year limitation on the payment of accrued benefits that are due and unpaid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs upon the death of a veteran or other beneficiary under laws administered by the Secretary, to allow for substitution of parties in the case of a claim for benefits provided by the Secretary when the applicant for such benefits dies while the claim in pending, and for other purposes.

June 5, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 1199** **June 5, 2003**

Sponsor: Russell Feingold  
Cosponsor(s): Blanche L. Lincoln (6/5/2003); John McCain (6/5/2003)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

June 5, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 1213** **June 9, 2003**

Sponsor: Arlen Specter  
Cosponsor(s): George Allen (7/11/2003); Maria Cantwell (9/9/2003); John Ensign (9/16/2003); Charles E. Schumer (9/17/2003)

**S. 1213—Continued**

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the ability of the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II and survivors of such veterans, and for other purposes.

June 9, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

July 29, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 1239** **June 11, 2003**

Sponsor: Larry E. Craig

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide special compensation for former prisoners of war, and for other purposes.

June 11, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 1242** **June 11, 2003**

Sponsor: Christopher J. Dodd

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in New London, Connecticut, as the "John J. McGuirk Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

June 11, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1281** **June 18, 2003**

Sponsor: Bob Graham

Cosponsor(s): John D. Rockefeller IV (7/9/2003)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to presume additional diseases of former prisoners of war to be service-connected for compensation purposes, to enhance the Dose Reconstruction Program of the Department of Defense, to enhance and fund certain other epidemiological studies, and for other purposes.

June 18, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 1282** **June 18, 2003**

Sponsor: Bob Graham

Cosponsor(s): Bill Nelson (6/18/2003); Jeff Sessions (6/18/2003)

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish national cemeteries for geographically underserved populations of veterans, and for other purposes.

June 18, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 1283**

**June 18, 2003**

Sponsor: Bob Graham

Cosponsor(s): Maria Cantwell (7/30/2003); Hillary Rodham Clinton (7/31/2003); Richard Durbin (7/25/2003); Kay Bailey Hutchison (9/2/2003); Patty Murray (7/24/2003); John D. Rockefeller IV (7/16/2003); Charles E. Schumer (9/10/2003); Debbie Stabenow (9/9/2003); Ron Wyden (9/2/2003)

A bill to require advance notification of Congress regarding any action proposed to be taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the implementation of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

June 18, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 29, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 1289** **June 19, 2003**

Sponsor: Bob Graham

Cosponsor(s): Daniel K. Akaka (6/25/2003); Norm Coleman (7/9/2003); Mark Dayton (9/3/2003); Tim Johnson (6/24/2003); Zell Miller (6/24/2003); Patty Murray (6/23/2003); Benjamin E. Nelson (7/23/2003); John D. Rockefeller IV (7/9/2003)

A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after Paul Wellstone.

June 19, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 29, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 1341** **June 26, 2003**

Sponsor: Kay Bailey Hutchison

Cosponsor(s): John Cornyn (6/26/2003)

A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston, Texas, as the "Michael E. DeBakey Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

June 26, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1360** **June 26, 2003**

Sponsor: Bob Graham

Cosponsor(s): John D. Rockefeller IV (7/9/2003)

A bill to amend section 7105 of title 38, United States Code, to clarify the requirements for notices of disagreement for appellate review of Department of Veterans Affairs activities.

June 26, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 10, 2003.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 1403** **July 15, 2003**

Sponsor: George V. Voinovich

Cosponsor(s): Mike DeWine (7/15/2003)

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**S. 1403—Continued**

A bill to provide for the establishment of a new Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility for veterans in the Columbus, Ohio, area.

July 15, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1489** **July 30, 2003**

Sponsor: Ben Nighthorse Campbell  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to authorize the burial of Bob Hope at Arlington National Cemetery.

July 30, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1509** **July 31, 2003**

Sponsor: Norm Coleman  
Cosponsor(s): Frank R. Lautenberg (5/18/2004)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a gratuity to veterans, their spouses, and children who contract HIV or AIDS as a result of a blood transfusion relating to a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.

July 31, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mar. 9, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 1511** **July 31, 2003**

Sponsor: Jon Kyl  
Cosponsor(s): John McCain (7/31/2003)

A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the "Bob Stump Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

July 31, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1572** **Sept. 2, 2003**

Sponsor: Bob Graham  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to authorize the expansion of the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs on assisted living for veterans to include three additional health care regions of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sept. 2, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1605** **Sept. 10, 2003**

Sponsor: Bob Graham  
Cosponsor(s): John Ensign (9/29/2003); Harry Reid (9/10/2003)

A bill to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative and to satisfy Department of Veterans Affairs requirements on natural disasters, and for other purposes.

Sept. 10, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1694** **Oct. 1, 2003**

Sponsor: Sam Brownback  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans who participated in certain Department of Defense chemical and biological warfare testing to be provided health care for illness without requirement for proof of service-connection.

Oct. 1, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1745** **Oct. 16, 2003**

Sponsor: Barbara Boxer  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to designate a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action National Memorial at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California.

Oct. 16, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 1815** **Nov. 4, 2003**

Sponsor: Robert F. Bennett  
Cosponsor(s): Orrin G. Hatch

A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Nov. 4, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Nov. 11, 2003.—Introductory remarks on the measure.

**S. 1846** **Nov. 11, 2003**

Sponsor: Olympia J. Snowe  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service-connection for certain veterans with Hepatitis C, and for other purposes.

Nov. 11, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1847** **Nov. 11, 2003**

Sponsor: Jon S. Corzine  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

**S. 1847—Continued**

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a comprehensive program for testing and treatment of veterans for Hepatitis C virus.

Nov. 11, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1856** **Nov. 13, 2003**

Sponsor: Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Cosponsor(s): Charles E. Schumer (11/17/2003)

A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Sunnyside, Queens, New York, as the "Thomas P. Noonan, Jr., Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

Nov. 13, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1914** **Nov. 21, 2003**

Sponsor: Debbie Stabenow  
Cosponsor(s): Carl Levin (11/21/2003)

A bill to prohibit the closure or realignment of inpatient services at the Aleda E. Lutz Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Saginaw, Michigan, as proposed under the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative.

Nov. 21, 2003.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 1948** **Nov. 24, 2003**

Sponsor: Harry Reid  
Cosponsor(s): Jon S. Corzine (2/24/2004); Thomas A. Daschle (11/24/2003); Christopher J. Dodd (4/20/2004); Daniel K. Inouye (4/6/2004); Mary L. Landrieu (3/30/2004); Patrick J. Leahy (1/22/2004); Joseph I. Lieberman (1/27/2004); Charles E. Schumer (3/11/2004)

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.

Nov. 24, 2003.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 2063:** **Feb. 10, 2004**

Sponsor: Kent Conrad  
Cosponsor(s): Daniel K. Akaka (2/10/2004); Byron L. Dorgan (2/23/2004); Bob Graham (2/10/2004); Tim Johnson (2/10/2004); John D. Rockefeller IV (2/10/2004)

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a demonstration project on priorities in the scheduling of appointments of veterans for health care through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Feb. 10, 2004.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 2099** **Feb. 23, 2004**

Sponsor: Zell Miller  
Cosponsor(s): George Allen (4/26/2004); Christopher S. Bond (4/26/2004); John B. Breaux (4/20/2004); Thad Cochran (3/4/2004); Norm Coleman (3/11/2004); Mike Crapo (3/30/2004); Mark Dayton (4/21/2004); Mike DeWine (2/23/2004); Mary L. Landrieu (4/19/2004); Patrick J. Leahy (5/13/2004); Blanche L. Lincoln (3/25/2004); Lisa Murkowski (3/11/2004); Patty Murray (2/24/2004); Jeff Sessions (4/1/2004); Gordon H. Smith (3/30/2004)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five-year period, and for other purposes.

Feb. 23, 2004.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 2133** **Feb. 26, 2004**

Sponsor: Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Cosponsor(s): Charles E. Schumer (6/16/2004)

A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in the Bronx, New York, as the James J. Peters Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Feb. 26, 2004.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 2296** **Apr. 7, 2004**

Sponsor: Jim Bunning  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to give the Commonwealth of Kentucky the first option on the Louisville Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Kentucky, upon its conveyance, lease or other disposal by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Apr. 7, 2004.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 2327** **Apr. 21, 2004**

Sponsor: Ben Nighthorse Campbell  
Cosponsor(s): Hillary Rodham Clinton (7/22/2004); Susan M. Collins (4/21/2004); Patty Murray (6/21/2004); Olympia J. Snowe (4/21/2004)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that per diem payments by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the care of veterans in State homes shall not be used to offset or reduce other payments made to assist veterans.

Apr. 21, 2004.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 2327—Continued**

June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 2417**

**May 13, 2004**

Sponsor: Norm Coleman

Cosponsor(s): Susan M. Collins (7/20/2004); Lindsey Graham (7/14/2004); Kay Bailey Hutchison (6/24/2004); Zell Miller (6/8/2004); Lisa Murkowski (6/21/2004); Ted Stevens (9/17/2004)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish care for newborn children of women veterans receiving maternity care, and for other purposes.

May 13, 2004.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 2483**

**June 1, 2004**

Sponsor: Arlen Specter

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2004, 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.

June 1, 2004.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

July 20, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

Sept. 20, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Specter without amendment. With written report No. 108–351. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 705.

Oct. 5, 2004.—Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. Senate incorporated this measure in H.R. 4175 as an amendment. Senate passed companion measure H.R. 4175 in lieu of this measure by Unanimous Consent. Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 705.

**S. 2484**

**June 1, 2004**

Sponsor: Arlen Specter

Cosponsor(s): (none)

An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to simplify and improve pay provisions for physicians and dentists and to authorize alternate work schedules and executive pay for nurses, and for other purposes.

June 1, 2004.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

July 20, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.

Sept. 23, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Specter with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 108–357. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 713.

Oct. 5, 2004.—Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.

Oct. 6, 2004.—Received in the House. Message on Senate action sent to the House. Held at the desk.

Nov. 17, 2004.—Mr. Simmons moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Considered under suspension of the rules. On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. Cleared for White House.

Nov. 22, 2004.—Presented to President.

Dec. 3, 2004.—Signed by President. Became Public Law No. 108–445.

**S. 2485**

**June 1, 2004**

Sponsor: Arlen Specter

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance the authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to the management and disposal of real property and facilities, and for other purposes.

June 1, 2004.—Introductory remarks on measure. Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

July 20, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.

Sept. 27, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Specter with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 108–358. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 718.

Oct. 9, 2004.—Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Senate incorporated this measure in H.R. 3936 as an amendment. Senate passed companion measure H.R. 3936 in lieu of this measure by Unanimous Consent. Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 718.

**S. 2486**

**June 1, 2004**

Sponsor: Arlen Specter

Cosponsor(s): Lisa Murkowski (6/1/2004); Patty Murray (6/21/2004)

An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance housing, education, and other benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

June 1, 2004.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

July 20, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.

Sept. 20, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Specter with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 108–352. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 706.

Oct. 8, 2004.—Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.

**S. 2486—Continued**

Oct. 9, 2004.—Received in the House. Message on Senate action sent to the House. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Nov. 17, 2004.—Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Considered under suspension of the rules. On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. Cleared for White House.

Nov. 29, 2004.—Presented to President.

Dec. 10, 2004.—Signed by President. Became Public Law No. 108–454.

**S. 2522** **June 15, 2004**

Sponsor: Jon S. Corzine

Cosponsor(s): Hillary Rodham Clinton (7/7/2004); John Ensign (6/24/2004); Dianne Feinstein (10/5/2004); Lisa Murkowski (6/16/2004); Patty Murray (6/21/2004); Bill Nelson (6/23/2004)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available under the home loan guaranty program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

June 15, 2004.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 2524** **June 16, 2004**

Sponsor: Bob Graham

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of health care, rehabilitation, and related services to veterans suffering from trauma relating to a blast injury, and for other purposes.

June 16, 2004.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 2534** **June 16, 2004**

Sponsor: Bob Graham

Cosponsor(s): Patty Murray (6/21/2004); Bill Nelson (7/8/2004)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and enhance benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill, to improve housing benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

June 16, 2004.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 22, 2004.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**S. 2561** **June 23, 2004**

Sponsor: Tim Johnson

Cosponsor(s): Thomas A. Daschle (9/22/2004)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain servicemembers to become eligible for educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill.

June 23, 2004.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 2573** **June 24, 2004**

Sponsor: Hillary Rodham Clinton

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of a monthly stipend to the surviving parents (known as "Gold Star parents") of members of the Armed Forces who die during a period of war.

June 24, 2004.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 2596** **June 24, 2004**

Sponsor: Richard Durbin

Cosponsor(s): Peter Fitzgerald (6/24/2004)

A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic located in Peoria, Illinois, as the "Bob Michel Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

June 24, 2004.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 2638** **July 12, 2004**

Sponsor: Norm Coleman

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

July 12, 2004.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 2743** **July 22, 2004**

Sponsor: Peter Fitzgerald

Cosponsor(s): Maria Cantwell (7/22/2004); Dianne Feinstein (7/22/2004); Ernest F. Hollings (7/22/2004); Jeff Sessions (7/22/2004)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that only licensed medical doctors, licensed doctors of osteopathy, and certain licensed dentists may perform eye surgery at Department of Veterans Affairs facilities or under contract with the Department.

July 22, 2004.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 2776** **Sept. 7, 2004**

Sponsor: Arlen Specter

Cosponsor(s): (none)

**S. 2776—Continued**

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program of outreach to veterans of World War II and the Korean conflict on the nature and availability of benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

Sept. 7, 2004.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 2849** **Sept. 27, 2004**

Sponsor: Chuck Hagel  
Cosponsor(s): Norm Coleman (11/16/2004), John Ensign (11/16/2004)

A bill to provide certain enhancements to the Montgomery GI Bill Program for certain individuals who serve as members of the Armed Forces after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and for other purposes.

Sept. 27, 2004.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S. 2982** **Nov. 16, 2004**

Sponsor: Rick Santorum  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make a stillborn child an insurable dependent for purposes of the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program.

Nov. 16, 2004.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## SENATE RESOLUTIONS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

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### S. Con. Res. 35

Apr. 10, 2003

Sponsor: John Sununu

Cosponsor(s): Susan M. Collins (4/10/2003); Judd Gregg (4/10/2003); Olympia Snowe (4/10/2003).

A concurrent resolution honoring the 129 sailors and civilians lost aboard the U.S.S. *Thresher* on April 10, 1963, and urging the Secretary of the Army to erect a memorial to this tragedy in Arlington National Cemetery.

Apr. 10, 2003.—Referred to Senate committee. Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

### S. Res. 53

Feb. 11, 2003

Sponsor: Arlen Specter

Cosponsor(s): (none)

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Feb. 11, 2003.—Referred to Senate committee. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

## HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

### H. Con. Res. 159

May 1, 2003

Sponsor: Jerry Moran  
Cosponsor(s): (none)

Declaring Emporia, Kansas, to be the founding city of the Veterans Day holiday and recognizing the contributions of Alvin J. King and Representative Ed Rees to the enactment into law of the observance of Veterans Day.

May 1, 2003—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
June 26, 2003—Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.  
June 26, 2003—Ordered to be reported by Voice Vote.

July 10, 2003—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
H. Rept. 108–196.

July 10, 2003—Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 81.  
September 30, 2003—Mr. Moran (KS) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.

September 30, 2003—Considered under suspension of the rules.

September 30, 2003—On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by voice vote.

September 30, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

October 1, 2003—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

October 31, 2003—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

October 31, 2003—Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

November 3, 2003—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

### H. Con. Res. 212

June 9, 2003

Sponsor: Sam Johnson  
Cosponsor(s): Capuano, Michael E. (6/25/2003); Chabot, Steve (7/17/2003); Coble, Howard (6/9/2003); Conyers, John, Jr. (6/9/2003); Evans, Lane (7/17/2003); Fossella, Vito (7/17/2003); Rangel, Charles B. (6/9/2003); Sessions, Pete (7/17/2003)

Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of the Year of the Korean War Veteran, and for other purposes.

June 9, 2003—Introductory remarks on measure.

June 9, 2003—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 21, 2003—Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.

July 21, 2003—Considered under suspension of the rules.

July 21, 2003—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

July 21, 2003—Considered as unfinished business.

July 21, 2003—On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 408–0

July 21, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

July 22, 2003—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

### H. Con. Res. 260

July 25, 2003

Sponsor: Mary Bono

Cosponsor(s): Bilirakis, Michael (7/25/2003); Brown, Henry E., Jr. (7/25/2003); Calvert, Ken (7/25/2003); DeMint, Jim (7/25/2003); Isakson, Johnny (7/25/2003); Lewis, Jerry (7/25/2003); McCotter, Thaddeus G. (6/14/2004); Shadegg, John B. (7/25/2003); Wamp, Zach (7/25/2003)

Recognizing and honoring the service of those who volunteer their time to participate in funeral honor guards at the interment or memorialization of deceased veterans of the uniformed services of the United States at national cemeteries across the country.

July 25, 2003—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

August 22, 2003—Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.

June 14, 2003—Mr. Brown (SC) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.

June 14, 2003—Considered under suspension of the rules.

June 14, 2003—On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by voice vote.

June 14, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

June 15, 2003—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

### H.R. 100

Jan. 7, 2003

Sponsor: Christopher H. Smith.

Cosponsor(s): Abercrombie, Neil (4/2/2003); Beauprez, Bob (4/3/2003); Berkley, Shelley (4/2/2003); Bilirakis, Michael (4/2/2003); Boozman, John (4/3/2003); Brady, Robert A. (4/9/2003); Brown, Corrine (4/2/2003); Brown, Henry E., Jr. (3/27/2003); Carson, Julia (4/8/2003); Cooper, Jim (4/10/2003); Davis, Susan A. (4/3/2003); Edwards, Chet (4/30/2003); Evans, Lane (1/7/2003); Faleomavaega, Eni F. H. (4/29/2003); Filner, Bob (1/28/2003); Frost, Martin (4/3/2003); Garrett, Scott (4/29/2003); Gilchrest, Wayne (4/9/2003); Gutierrez, Luis V. (3/25/2003); Hayes, Robin (4/3/2003); Hefley, Joel (4/8/2003); Holden, Tim (4/2/2003); Hooley, Darlene (4/2/2003); Israel, Steve (4/11/2003); Jones, Walter B., Jr. (4/30/2003); Kildee, Dale E. (4/8/2003); Michaud, Michael H. (3/13/2003); Miller, George (4/2/2003); Miller, Jeff (4/3/2003); Murphy, Tim (4/2/2003); Platts, Todd Russell (4/3/2003); Renzi, Rick (4/2/2003); Reyes, Silvestre (1/28/2003); Rodriguez, Ciro (4/2/2003); Ryan, Timothy J. (4/2/2003); Simmons, Rob (4/3/2003); Snyder, Vic (4/7/2003); Strickland, Ted (4/2/2003); Udall, Tom (4/2/2003); Van Hollen, Chris (4/3/2003)

**H.R. 100—Continued**

To restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.

January 7, 2003—Introductory remarks on measure.

January 7, 2003—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

January 21, 2003—Executive Comment Requested from SBA.

February 20, 2003—Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.

April 1, 2003—Subcommittee on Benefits Discharged.

April 2, 2003—Favorable Executive Comment Received from SBA.

April 3, 2003—Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

April 3, 2003—Ordered to be reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.

April 3, 2003—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108–81.

April 30, 2003—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 45.

May 7, 2003—Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

May 7, 2003—Considered under suspension of the rules.

May 7, 2003—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

May 7, 2003—Considered as unfinished business.

May 7, 2003—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 425–0.

May 7, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

May 8, 2003—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

November 21, 2003—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

November 21, 2003—Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.

November 21, 2003—Senate struck all after the Enacting Clause and substituted the language of S. 1136 amended.

November 21, 2003—Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

November 25, 2003—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

December 8, 2003—Mr. Smith (NJ) asked unanimous consent that the House agree to the Senate amendment.

December 8, 2003—On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.

December 8, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

December 8, 2003—Cleared for White House.

December 12, 2003—Presented to President.

December 19, 2003—Signed by President.

December 19, 2003—Became Public Law No. 108–189.

**H.R. 1257****Mar. 13, 2003**

Sponsor: Lane Evans

Cosponsor(s): Acevedo-Vila, Anibal; Brown, Corrine; Brown-Waite, Ginny; Davis, Susan A.; Faleomavaega, Eni F. H.; Filner, Bob; Gutierrez, Luis V.; Holden, Tim; Michaud, Michael H.; Reyes, Silvestre; Rodriguez, Ciro; Ryan, Timothy J.; Sanders, Bernard; Smith, Christopher H.; Strickland, Ted; Udall, Tom; Waters, Maxine

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the authority for qualifying members of the Selected Reserve to have access to home loans guaranteed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and to provide for uniformity in fees charged qualifying members of the Selected Reserve and active duty veterans for such home loans.

March 13, 2003—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

March 26, 2003—Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.

May 7, 2003—Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

May 7, 2003—Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Unanimous Consent.

May 15, 2003—Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

May 15, 2003—Ordered to be reported by Voice Vote.

May 19, 2003—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108–107.

May 19, 2003—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 54.

May 20, 2003—Mr. Boozman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

May 20, 2003—Considered under suspension of the rules.

May 20, 2003—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

May 22, 2003—Considered as unfinished business.

May 22, 2003—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 428–0 (Roll No. 210).

May 22, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

May 22, 2003—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

**H.R. 1318****Mar. 18, 2003**

Sponsor: Joseph Crowley

Cosponsor(s): Ackerman, Gary L.; Bishop, Timoth H.; Boehlert, Sherwood; Engel, Eliot L.; Fossella, Vito; Hinchey, Maurice D.; Houghton, Amo; Israel, Steve; Kelly, Sue W.; King, Peter T.; Lowey, Nita M.; Maloney, Carolyn B.; McCarthy, Carolyn; McHugh, John M.; McNulty, Michael R.; Meeks, Gregory W.; Nadler, Jerrold; Owens, Major R.; Quinn, Jack; Rangel, Charles B.; Reynolds, Thomas M.; Serrano, Jose E.; Slaughter, Louise McIntosh; Sweeney, John E.; Towns, Edolphus; Velazquez, Nydia; Walsh, James T.; Weiner, Anthony D.

To name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Sunnyside, Queens, New York, as the "Thomas P. Noonan, Jr., Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

March 18, 2003—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

April 24, 2003—Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

July 21, 2004—Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

July 21, 2004—Ordered to be reported by Voice Vote.

July 21, 2004—Subcommittee on Health Discharged.

September 13, 2004—Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

September 13, 2004—Considered under suspension of the rules.

September 13, 2004—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.

September 13, 2004—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

**H.R. 1318—Continued**

September 14, 2004—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**H.R. 1460****Mar. 27, 2003**

Sponsor: Rick Renzi

Cosponsor(s): Acevedo-Vila, Anibal; Beauprez, Bob; Bradley, Jeb; Brown, Henry E., Jr.; Brown-Waite, Ginny; Davis, Jo Ann; Evans, Lane; Grijalva, Raul M.; Kilpatrick, Carolyn C.; Kolbe, Jim; Manzullo, Donald A.; McGovern, James P.; Michaud, Michael H.; Smith, Christopher H.; Wilson, Joe

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve education and entrepreneurship benefits, housing benefits, and certain other benefits for veterans.

March 27, 2003—Introductory remarks on measure.

March 27, 2003—Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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.

March 27, 2003—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

April 24, 2003—Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.

April 30, 2003—Subcommittee Hearings Held.

May 7, 2003—Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. 5/7/2003: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.

May 15, 2003—Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. 5/15/2003: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

March 27, 2003—Referred to the House Small Business.

June 5, 2003—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108-142, Part I.

June 5, 2003—House Committee on Small Business granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than July 7, 2003.

June 23, 2003—Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

June 23, 2003—Considered under suspension of the rules.

June 23, 2003—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

June 24, 2003—Considered as unfinished business.

June 24, 2003—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 421-0.

June 24, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

June 24, 2003—The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

June 25, 2003—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**H.R. 1516****Mar. 31, 2003**

Sponsor: Jim Gerlach

Cosponsor(s): Brady, Robert A.; Doyle, Michael F.; English, Phil; Evans, Lane; Fattah, Chaka; Greenwood, James C.; Hart, Melissa A.; Hoeffel, Joseph M.; Holden, Tim; Kanjorski, Paul E.; Michaud, Michael H.; Murphy, Tim; Murtha, John P.; Peterson, John E.; Pitts, Joseph R.; Platts, Todd Russell; Sherwood, Don; Shuster,

Bill; Smith, Christopher H.; Toomey, Patrick J.; Weldon, Curt; Wilson, Joe

An act to provide for the establishment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of additional cemeteries in the National Cemetery Administration.

March 31, 2003—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

April 24, 2003—Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.

June 11, 2003—Subcommittee Hearings Held.

June 25, 2003—Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

June 25, 2003—Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.

June 26, 2003—Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

June 26, 2003—Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

July 10, 2003—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108-199.

July 10, 2003—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 103.

July 21, 2003—Mr. Simmons moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

July 21, 2003—Considered under suspension of the rules.

July 21, 2003—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

July 21, 2003—Considered as unfinished business.

July 21, 2003—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 408-0

July 21, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

July 21, 2003—The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

July 22, 2003—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

September 30, 2003—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

October 14, 2003—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Specter with amendments and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 108-164.

October 14, 2003—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 307.

October 17, 2003—Passed Senate with amendments and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.

October 20, 2003—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

October 29, 2003—Mr. Smith (NJ) moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments.

October 29, 2003—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5, rule I, the chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

October 29, 2003—On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 412-0.

October 29, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

October 29, 2003—Cleared for White House.

October 30, 2003—Presented to President.

November 11, 2003—Signed by President.

November 11, 2003—Became Public Law No. 108-109.

**H.R. 1683****Apr. 9, 2003**

Sponsor: Christopher H. Smith

Cosponsor(s): Acevedo-Vila, Anibal; Brown, Henry E., Jr.; Brown-Waite, Ginny; Davis, Jo Ann; Evans, Lane; Lewis, Jerry; Michaud, Michael H.; Wilson, Joe (5/13/2003)

To increase, effective as of December 1, 2003, 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, and for other purposes.

April 9, 2003—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

April 24, 2003—Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.

May 7, 2003—Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

May 7, 2003—Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Unanimous Consent.

May 15, 2003—Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

May 15, 2003—Ordered to be reported by Voice Vote.

April 10, 2003—Introductory remarks on measure.

May 19, 2003—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108–108.

May 19, 2003—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 55.

May 20, 2003—Mr. Boozman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

May 20, 2003—Considered under suspension of the rules.

May 20, 2003—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

May 22, 2003—Considered as unfinished business.

May 22, 2003—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 426–0.

May 22, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

May 22, 2003—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

November 21, 2003—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

November 21, 2003—Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

November 21, 2003—Cleared for White House.

November 25, 2003—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

November 26, 2003—Presented to President.

December 3, 2003—Signed by President.

December 3, 2003—Became Public Law No. 108–147.

**H.R. 1720****Apr. 10, 2003**

Sponsor: Rob Simmons

Cosponsor(s): Brown, Henry E., Jr. (7/14/2003); LoBiondo, Frank A. (7/14/2003); Porter, Jon C. (7/10/2003); Smith, Christopher H. (4/10/2003)

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, establishing, and updating patient care facilities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and for other purposes.

April 10, 2003—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

April 24, 2003—Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

June 11, 2003—Subcommittee Hearings Held.

June 24, 2003—Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

June 24, 2003—Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.

June 26, 2003—Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

June 26, 2003—Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

April 11, 2003—Introductory remarks on measure.

July 15, 2003—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108–210.

July 15, 2003—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 116.

October 29, 2003—Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

October 29, 2003—Considered under suspension of the rules.

October 29, 2003—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

October 29, 2003—Considered as unfinished business.

October 29, 2003—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 417–0.

October 29, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

October 29, 2003—The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

October 30, 2003—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**H.R. 1911****May 1, 2003**

Sponsor: John Boozman

Cosponsor(s): Acevedo-Vila, Anibal (5/14/2003); Evans, Lane (5/1/2003); Miller, Jeff (5/1/2003); Rodriguez, Ciro (5/1/2003); Simmons, Rob (5/1/2003); Smith, Christopher H. (5/1/2003)

To amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance cooperation and the sharing of resources between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense.

May 1, 2003—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.

May 1, 2003—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

May 5, 2003—Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

May 6, 2003—Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

May 6, 2003—Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.

May 6, 2003—Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.

May 15, 2003—Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

May 15, 2003—Ordered to be reported by Voice Vote.

May 1, 2003—Referred to House Armed Services.

July 18, 2003—Executive Comment Requested from DOD.

July 18, 2003—Referred to the Subcommittee on Total Force.

May 19, 2003—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108–115, Part I.

May 19, 2003—House Committee on Armed Services granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than May 19, 2003.

May 19, 2003—Committee on Armed Services discharged.

May 19, 2003—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 59.

**H.R. 1911—Continued**

May 20, 2003—Mr. Boozman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.  
 May 20, 2003—Considered under suspension of the rules.  
 May 20, 2003—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.  
 May 21, 2003—Considered as unfinished business.  
 May 21, 2003—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 426–0.  
 May 21, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.  
 May 22, 2003—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**H.R. 2297****June 2, 2003**

Sponsor: Christopher H. Smith  
 Cosponsor(s): Brown, Corrine; Brown, Henry E., Jr.; Evans, Lane; Filner, Bob; Gutierrez, Luis V.; Michaud, Michael H.; Rodriguez, Ciro; Royce, Edward R.; Udall, Tom

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

June 2, 2003—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
 June 6, 2003—Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.  
 June 11, 2003—Subcommittee Hearings Held.  
 June 25, 2003—Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. 6/25/2003: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.  
 June 26, 2003—Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.  
 June 26, 2003—Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.  
 July 15, 2003—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108–211.  
 July 15, 2003—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 117.  
 October 8, 2003—Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.  
 October 8, 2003—Considered under suspension of the rules. 10/8/2003 12:32 pm: At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.  
 October 8, 2003—Considered as unfinished business.  
 October 8, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.  
 October 8, 2003—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 399–0.  
 October 8, 2003—The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.  
 October 14, 2003—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
 November 19, 2003—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.  
 November 19, 2003—Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.  
 November 19, 2003—Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.  
 November 19, 2003—Message on Senate action sent to the House.  
 November 20, 2003—Mr. Smith (NJ) moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment.

November 20, 2003—On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by voice vote.  
 November 20, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.  
 November 20, 2003—Cleared for White House.  
 December 5, 2003—Presented to President.  
 December 16, 2003—Signed by President.  
 December 16, 2003—Became Public Law No. 108–183.

**H.R. 2357****June 5, 2003**

Sponsor: Ginny Brown-Waite  
 Cosponsor(s): Blackburn, Marsha; Bordallo, Madeleine Z.; Bradley, Jeb; Davis, Jo Ann; Deal, Nathan; English, Phil; Frost, Martin; Gillmor, Paul E.; Goode, Virgil H., Jr.; Jones, Walter B., Jr.; Miller, Jeff; Paul, Ron; Pearce, Stevan; Royce, Edward R.; Smith, Christopher H.; Wilson, Joe

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the appointment of chiropractors in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to provide eligibility for Department of Veterans Affairs health care for certain Filipino World War II veterans residing in the United States.

June 5, 2003—Introductory remarks on measure.  
 June 5, 2003—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
 June 19, 2003—Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.  
 June 24, 2003—Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.  
 June 24, 2003—Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.  
 June 26, 2003—Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.  
 June 26, 2003—Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.  
 July 10, 2003—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108–198.  
 July 10, 2003—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 102.  
 July 21, 2003—Mr. Simmons moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.  
 July 21, 2003—Considered under suspension of the rules.  
 July 21, 2003—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.  
 July 21, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.  
 July 21, 2003—The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.  
 July 22, 2003—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**H.R. 2433****June 11, 2003**

Sponsor: Ciro Rodriguez  
 Cosponsor(s): Clay, Wm. Lacy (7/10/2003); Davis, Susan A. (7/15/2003); Evans, Lane (6/17/2003); Faleomavaega, Eni F. H. (7/10/2003); Filner, Bob (6/17/2003); Frost, Martin (6/23/2003); Gutierrez, Luis V. (6/26/2003); Matheson, Jim (7/10/2003); McGovern, James P. (6/23/2003); Michaud, Michael H. (6/26/2003); Millender-McDonald, Juanita (7/10/2003); Miller, Jeff (6/25/2003); Moore, Dennis (7/15/2003); Paul, Ron (6/23/2003); Ryun, Jim (6/25/2003); Simmons, Rob (6/11/2003); Snyder, Vic (6/26/2003); Udall, Tom (7/10/2003)

**H.R. 2433—Continued**

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans who participated in certain Department of Defense chemical and biological warfare testing with health care for their illness without requirement for proof of service-connection.

June 11, 2003—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 20, 2003—Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

June 24, 2003—Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

June 24, 2003—Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.

June 26, 2003—Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

June 26, 2003—Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

August 18, 2003—Unfavorable Executive Comment Received from Veterans' Affairs.

July 16, 2003—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108–213.

July 16, 2003—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 119.

September 10, 2003—Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

September 10, 2003—Considered under suspension of the rules.

September 10, 2003—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.

September 10, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

September 10, 2003—The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

September 11, 2003—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**H.R. 2595****June 25, 2003**

Sponsor: Christopher H. Smith  
 Cosponsor(s): Abercrombie, Neil; Bordallo, Madeleine Z.; Case, Ed; Evans, Lane; Faleomavaega, Eni F. H.; Michaud, Michael H.; Renzi, Rick; Udall, Tom

To restore the operation of the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program during fiscal year 2003 to the scope of that program as in effect on September 30, 2002.

June 25, 2003—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 26, 2003—Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

June 26, 2003—Ordered to be reported by Voice Vote.

July 10, 2003—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108–197.

July 10, 2003—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 101.

September 10, 2003—Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

September 10, 2003—Considered under suspension of the rules.

September 10, 2003—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.

September 10, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

September 11, 2003—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**H.R. 3936****Mar. 11, 2004**

Sponsor: Christopher H. Smith

Cosponsor(s): Bilirakis, Michael (5/19/2004); Bradley, Jeb (5/5/2004); Brown, Corrine (4/20/2004); Evans, Lane (3/11/2004); Filner, Bob (4/20/2004); Grijalva, Raul M. (4/20/2004); Harris, Katherine (6/8/2004); Maloney, Carolyn B. (4/20/2004); Michaud, Michael H. (3/17/2004); Miller, Jeff (4/20/2004); Rahall II, Nick J. (6/1/2004); Renzi, Rick (4/27/2004); Rodriguez, Ciro (4/20/2004); Sanders, Bernard (4/20/2004); Schiff, Adam B. (5/4/2004); Skelton, Ike (3/11/2004); Strickland, Ted (4/20/2004); Tierney, John F. (4/27/2004)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the authorization of appropriations for grants to benefit homeless veterans, to improve programs for management and administration of veterans' facilities and health care programs, and for other purposes.

March 11, 2004—Introductory remarks on measure.

March 11, 2004—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.

March 11, 2004—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

April 13, 2004—Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.

April 29, 2004—Subcommittee Hearings Held.

May 13, 2004—Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

May 13, 2004—Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.

May 19, 2004—Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

May 19, 2004—Ordered to be reported by Voice Vote.

March 11, 2004—Referred to House Armed Services.

June 25, 2004—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108–574, Part I.

June 25, 2004—House Committee on Armed Services granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than June 25, 2004.

June 25, 2004—Committee on Armed Services discharged.

June 25, 2004—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 336.

July 20, 2004—Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

July 20, 2004—Considered under suspension of the rules.

July 20, 2004—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.

July 20, 2004—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

July 21, 2004—Received in the Senate.

September 7, 2004—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

October 9, 2004—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

October 9, 2004—Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.

October 9, 2004—Senate struck all after the Enacting Clause and substituted the language of S. 2485 amended.

October 9, 2004—Passed Senate in lieu of S. 2485 with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. S. 2485 with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.

November 16, 2004—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

November 17, 2004—Mr. Smith (NJ) moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments.

November 17, 2004—On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to by voice vote.

November 17, 2004—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

November 17, 2004—Cleared for White House.

**H.R. 3936—Continued**

November 20, 2004—Presented to President.  
 November 30, 2004—Signed by President.  
 November 30, 2004—Became Public Law No. 108–422.

**H.R. 4175****Apr. 20, 2004**

Sponsor: Christopher H. Smith  
 Cosponsor(s): Bilirakis, Michael (5/19/2004); Brady, Robert A. (5/12/2004); Brown, Henry E., Jr. (4/20/2004); Evans, Lane (4/20/2004); Filner, Bob (5/12/2004); Grijalva, Raul M. (5/12/2004); Gutierrez, Luis V. (5/12/2004); Holden, Tim (5/12/2004); Michaud, Michael H. (4/20/2004); Rahall II, Nick J. (6/1/2004); Rodriguez, Ciro (5/12/2004)

To increase, effective as of December 1, 2004, 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, and for other purposes.

April 20, 2004—Introductory remarks on measure.  
 April 20, 2004—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
 April 22, 2004—Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.  
 May 13, 2004—Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.  
 May 13, 2004—Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.  
 May 19, 2004—Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.  
 May 19, 2004—Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.  
 June 3, 2004—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 108–524.  
 June 3, 2004—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 302.  
 July 20, 2004—Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.  
 July 20, 2004—Considered under suspension of the rules.  
 July 20, 2004—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.  
 July 22, 2004—Considered as unfinished business.  
 July 22, 2004—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.  
 July 22, 2004—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays:  
 September 7, 2004—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
 October 5, 2004—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.  
 October 5, 2004—Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.  
 October 5, 2004—Senate struck all after the Enacting Clause and substituted the language of S. 2483.  
 October 5, 2004—Passed Senate in lieu of S. 2483 with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. S. 2485 with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.  
 October 6, 2004—Message on Senate action sent to the House.  
 October 8, 2004—Mr. Smith (NJ) asked unanimous consent that the House agree to the Senate amendment.  
 October 8, 2004—On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.  
 October 8, 2004—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.  
 October 8, 2004—Cleared for White House.

October 13, 2004—Presented to President.  
 October 25, 2004—Signed by President.  
 October 25, 2004—Became Public Law No. 108–363.

**H.R. 4317****May 6, 2004**

Sponsor: Jim Turner; Barton, Joe; Bell, Chris; Bonilla, Henry; Brady, Kevin; Burgess, Michael C.; Carter, John R.; Culberson, John Abney; DeLay, Tom; Edwards, Chet; Frost, Martin; Gonzalez, Charles A.; Green, Gene; Hall, Ralph M.; Hensarling, Jeb; Hinojosa, Ruben; Jackson-Lee, Sheila; Johnson, Eddie Bernice; Lampson, Nick; Neugebauer, Randy; Ortiz, Solomon P.; Paul, Ron; Reyes, Silvestre; Rodriguez, Ciro; Sandlin, Max; Sessions, Pete; Stenholm, Charles W.; Thornberry, Mac

To name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic located in Lufkin, Texas, as the "Charles Wilson Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

May 6, 2004—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
 June 1, 2004—Mr. Miller (FL) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.  
 June 1, 2004—Considered under suspension of the rules.  
 June 1, 2004—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.  
 June 1, 2004—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.  
 June 2, 2004—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**H.R. 4345****May 12, 2004**

Sponsor: Ginny Brown-Waite  
 Cosponsor(s): Bachus, Spencer; Bilirakis, Michael; Bradley, Jeb; Davis, Susan A.; Harris, Katherine

To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available under the home loan guaranty program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

May 12, 2004—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.  
 May 12, 2004—Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.  
 May 13, 2004—Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.  
 May 13, 2004—Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.  
 May 19, 2004—Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. 5/19/2004: Ordered to be reported by Voice Vote.  
 June 23, 2004—Mr. Brown (SC) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.  
 June 23, 2004—Considered under suspension of the rules.  
 June 23, 2004—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.  
 June 23, 2004—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.  
 June 26, 2004—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**H.R. 4608****June 17, 2004**

Sponsor: Ray LaHood  
 Cosponsor(s): Biggert, Judy; Bilirakis, Michael; Costello, Jerry F.; Crane, Philip M.; Davis, Danny K.; Emanuel, Rahm; Evans, Lane;

**H.R. 4608—Continued**

Frost, Martin; Gutierrez, Luis V.; Hastert, J. Dennis; Hyde, Henry J.; Jackson, Jesse L., Jr.; Johnson, Timothy V.; Kirk, Mark Steven; Lewis, Jerry; Lipinski, William; Manzullo, Donald A.; Miller, Jeff; Petri, Thomas E.; Portman, Rob; Rush, Bobby L.; Sandlin, Max; Schakowsky, Janice D.; Shimkus, John; Smith, Christopher H.; Snyder, Vic; Upton, Fred; Weller, Jerry; Wolf, Frank R.

To name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic located in Peoria, Illinois, as the “Bob Michel Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”.

June 17, 2004—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

July 20, 2004—Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

July 20, 2004—Considered under suspension of the rules.

July 20, 2004—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

July 21, 2004—Considered as unfinished business.

July 21, 2004—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407–0.

July 21, 2004—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

July 22, 2004—Received in the Senate.

September 7, 2004—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**H.R. 4836****July 15, 2004**

Sponsor: Mac Thornberry

Cosponsor(s): Barton, Joe; Bell, Chris; Bonilla, Henry; Brady, Kevin; Burgess, Michael C.; Carter, John R.; Culberson, John Abney; DeLay, Tom; Doggett, Lloyd; Edwards, Chet; Frost, Martin; Gonzalez, Charles A.; Granger, Kay; Green, Gene; Hall, Ralph M.; Hensarling, Jeb; Hinojosa, Ruben; Jackson-Lee, Sheila; Johnson, Eddie Bernice; Johnson, Sam; Lampson, Nick; Moran, Jerry; Neugebauer, Randy; Ortiz, Solomon P.; Paul, Ron; Reyes, Silvestre; Rodriguez, Ciro; Sandlin, Max; Sessions, Pete; Smith, Lamar; Stenholm, Charles W.; Turner, Jim; Udall, Tom

To name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Amarillo, Texas, as the “Thomas E. Creek Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

July 15, 2004—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

July 21, 2004—Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. 7/21/2004: Ordered to be reported by Voice Vote.

July 16, 2004—Introductory remarks on measure.

September 13, 2004—Mr. Smith (NJ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

September 13, 2004—Considered under suspension of the rules.

September 13, 2004—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.

September 13, 2004—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

September 14, 2004—Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

## PASSED BILLS

### SENATE

| Measure | Initial Passage |
|---------|-----------------|
| S. 1156 | May 23, 2003    |
| S. 2484 | June 1, 2004    |
| S. 2486 | June 1, 2004    |

### HOUSE

| Measure   | Initial Passage |
|-----------|-----------------|
| H.R. 100  | Jan. 7, 2003    |
| H.R. 1516 | March 31, 2003  |
| H.R. 1683 | April 9, 2003   |
| H.R. 2297 | June 2, 2003    |
| H.R. 3936 | March 11, 2004  |
| H.R. 4175 | April 20, 2004  |

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| 108-147    | S. 1131                | H.R. 1683             | Dec. 3, 2003  |
| 108-170    | S. 1156                | H.R. 91               | Dec. 6, 2003  |
| 108-183    |                        | H.R. 2297             | Dec. 16, 2003 |
| 108-189    | S. 792                 | H.R. 3024             | Dec. 19, 2003 |
| 108-363    | S. 2483                | H.R. 348              | Oct. 25, 2004 |
| 108-422    | S. 2485                |                       | Nov. 30, 2004 |
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| 108-454    | S. 2486                | H.R. 1716             | Dec. 10, 2004 |

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF PUBLIC LAWS

**108–109**

**Nov. 11, 2003**

National Cemetery Expansion Act of 2003—Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, within four years after the enactment of this Act, to establish six new cemeteries, one each to be located in the following areas: (1) Southeastern Pennsylvania (the city of Philadelphia and specified neighboring counties); (2) Birmingham, Alabama; (3) Jacksonville, Florida; (4) Bakersfield, California; (5) Greenville/Columbia, South Carolina; and (6) Sarasota County, Florida.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) solicit the advice and views of State and local veterans organizations representatives in determining specific cemetery sites; (2) submit an initial report to Congress on the establishment of such cemeteries; and (3) submit annual implementation reports until all six cemeteries are completed and have opened.

H.R. 1516

House Report 108–199

Congressional Record, Vol. 149 (2003)

July 21, considered and passed House, amended.

October 17, considered and passed Senate amended.

October 29, House agreed to Senate amendment.

**108–147**

**Apr. 9, 2003**

To increase, effective as of December 1, 2003, 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, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1683

House Report 108–108

Congressional Record, Vol. 149 (2003)

May 22, considered and passed House.

Nov. 21, considered and passed Senate.

**108–170**

**Dec. 6, 2003**

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance the provision of health care for veterans, to authorize major construction projects and other facilities matters for the Department of Veterans Affairs, to enhance and improve authorities relating to the administration of personnel of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1156

Senate Report 108–193

Congressional Record, Vol. 149 (2003)

Nov. 19, considered and passed Senate, amended.

Nov. 21, considered and passed House.

**108–183**

**Dec. 16, 2003**

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Veterans Benefits Act of 2003—Title I: Survivor Benefits—(Sec. 101) Provides that the remarriage of a surviving spouse of a veteran after age 57 shall not bar the furnishing of veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC), home loan, and educational benefits eligibility. Requires spouses who remarried after age 57 but prior to the enactment of this Act to apply for such eligibility within one year.

H.R. 2297

House Report 108–211

Congressional Record, Vol. 149 (2003)

Oct. 8, considered and passed House.

Nov. 19, considered and passed Senate, amended.

Nov. 20, House agreed to Senate amendment.

**108–189**

**Dec. 19, 2003**

Amends the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 to: (1) rename the Act as the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act; (2) add to the definition of "military service" active service by members of the National Guard of more than 30 consecutive days, as well as any period during which a servicemember is absent from duty on account of sickness, wounds, leave, or other lawful cause; (3) include a definition of "dependents" for purposes of dependent coverage; (4) extend certain rights and protections to reserve personnel ordered to report for military service; and (5) authorize any servicemember to waive any of such rights and protections, pursuant to written agreement.

H.R. 100

House Report 108–81

Congressional Record, Vol. 149 (2003)

May 7, considered and passed House, amended.

Nov. 21, considered and passed Senate, amended.

Dec. 8, House agreed to Senate amendment.

**108–363**

**Oct. 25, 2004**

To increase, effective as of December 1, 2004, 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, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4175

House Report 108–574

Congressional Record, Vol. 150 (2004)

July 22, considered and passed House, amended.

Oct. 5, considered and passed Senate, amended.

Oct. 8, House agreed to Senate amendment.

**108–422**

**Nov. 11, 2004**

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the principal office of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to be at any location in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, rather than only in the District of Columbia, and expressing the sense of Congress that a dedicated Veterans Courthouse and Justice Center should be provided for that Court and those it serves and should be located, if feasible, at a site owned by the United States that is part of or proximate to the Pentagon Reservation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3936

House Report 108–574

Congressional Record, Vol. 150 (2004)

July 20, considered and passed House.

Oct. 9, considered and passed Senate, amended.

Nov. 17, House agreed to Senate amendment.

**108-445**

**Dec. 3, 2004**

An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to simplify and improve pay provisions for physicians and dentists and to authorize alternate work schedules and executive pay for nurses, and for other purposes.

S. 2484

Senate Report 108-357

Congressional Record, Vol. 150 (2003)

Oct. 5, considered and passed Senate, amended.

Nov. 17, considered and passed House.

**108-454**

**Dec. 10, 2004**

An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance housing, education, and other benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2486

Senate Report 108-352

Congressional Record, Vol. 150 (2004)

Oct. 8, considered and passed Senate, amended.

Nov. 17, considered and passed House.

## HEARINGS AND MEETING SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

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[Unless otherwise indicated, hearings and meetings are full Committee sessions, open to the public, and held in SR. 418, Russell Senate Office Building]

- February 25, 2003.** Joint hearing with House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, SH 216, Hart Senate Office Building, Legislation Presentation of Disabled American Veterans.
- March 6, 2003.** Joint hearing with House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 345 Cannon House Office Building, Legislation Presentation of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Blinded Veterans Association, and the Non-Commissioned Officers Association.
- March 12, 2003.** Joint hearing with House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 345 Cannon House Office Building, Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- March 13, 2003.** Joint hearing with House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 345 Cannon House Office Building, Legislation Presentation of the Retired Enlisted Association, Gold Star Wives of America, Fleet Reserve Association and the Air Force Sergeants Association.
- March 20, 2003.** Joint hearing with House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 345 Cannon House Office Building, Legislation Presentation of AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans' of America, American Ex-Prisoners of War, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs.
- February 26, 2003.** Hearing, Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 Budget for Veterans' Programs.
- April 10, 2003.** Meeting, markup on pending nominations of Bruce Kasold to be Judge for U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and General Nicholson to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs.
- May 19, 2003.** Hearing to Discuss the Need for a Cemetery in SE. Pennsylvania.
- June 24, 2003.** Hearing on Pending Legislation on HealthCare.
- July 10, 2003.** Hearing on Health Benefits.
- July 15, 2003.** Hearing on Benefits Legislation.
- July 29, 2003.** Hearing, Combat Medical Badge.
- July 29, 2003.** Hearing, Pending Legislation before the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs.
- September 11, 2003.** Hearing, VA Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services Initiative.
- September 16, 2003.** Hearing, American Legion Presentation.
- September 23, 2003.** Hearing, Proposals to Limit Eligibility for VA Compensation to Veterans with Disabilities Directly Related to the Performance of Duty.
- November 21, 2003.** Meeting, markup on pending nominations of Cynthia R. Church to be Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Robert N. McFarland, to be Assistant Secretary of Information and Technology, Gordon Mansfield to be Deputy Secretary, Alan G. Lance and Lawrence B. Hagel for U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.
- February 10, 2004.** Hearing, The Administration's Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 Budget for Veterans' Programs.
- February 24, 2004.** Hearing, Disabled American Veterans Presentation.
- March 2, 2004.** Hearing, The Final Report of the Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services Commission.
- March 4, 2004.** Joint hearing with House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 345 Cannon House Office Building, Legislation Presentation of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Blinded Veterans Association, and the Non-Commissioned Officers Association.
- March 9, 2004.** Hearing, S. 1509 Proposed Eric and Brain Simon Act of 2003.
- March 10, 2004.** Joint hearing with House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, SH 216, Hart Senate Office Building, Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- March 15, 2004.** Field hearing held in Altoona, Pennsylvania, CARES.
- March 16, 2004.** Field Hearing held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, CARES.
- March 18, 2004.** Joint hearing with House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 345 Cannon House Office Building, Legislation Presentation of Retired Enlisted Association, Gold Star Wives of America, Fleet Reserve Association and the Air Force Sergeants Association.
- March 25, 2004.** Joint hearing with House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 345 Cannon House Office Building, Legislation Presentation of AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans' of America, American Ex-Prisoners of War, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs.
- March 26, 2004.** Field hearing held in Erie, Pennsylvania, CARES.
- April 7, 2004.** Field hearing in Walla Walla, Washington, State of Veterans Affairs Health Care.

**July 20, 2004.** Meeting, markup on pending legislation before the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**September 21, 2004.** Joint hearing with House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 345 Cannon House Office Building, Legislation Presentation of the American Legion.

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- EC-6.**—A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “U.S. Office of Personnel Management’s Annual Report to Congress on Veterans’ Employment in the Federal Government”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-272.**—A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Regulatory Law, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Vocational Training for Certain Children of Veterans—Covered Birth Defects and Spina Bifida” received on December 12, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-614.**—A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Regulatory Law, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of the Presumptive Period for Compensation for Gulf War Veterans’ Undiagnosed Illnesses (RIN2900-AK98)” received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-615.**—A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Health Care for Certain Children of Vietnam Veterans—Covered Birth Defects and Spina Bifida (RIN2900-AK88)” received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-932.**—A communication from the Deputy General Council, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Enrollment—Provision of Hospital and Outpatient Care to Veterans—Subpriorities of Priority Categories 7 and 8 and Annual Enrollment Level Decision (2900-AL51)” received on January 27, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-1075.**—A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Board of Veterans’ Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Appeals Regulations: Title for Members of the Board of Veterans’ Appeals (2900-AK62)” received on February 5, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-1076.**—A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Payment or Reimbursement for Emergency Treatment Furnished at Non-VA Facilities (2900-AK08)” received on February 4, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-1077.**—A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Acquisitions & Material Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “VA Acquisition Regulations: Simplified Acquisition Procedures for Health-Care resources (2900-AI71)” received on February 4, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-1239.**—A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Recognition of Organizations and Accreditation of Representatives, Attorneys, and Agents (2900-AI93)” received on February 24, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-1240.**—A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisher Houses and Other Temporary Lodging (2900-AL13)” received on February 24, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-1241.**—A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Loan Guaranty: Implementation of Public Law 108-103 (2900-AL23)” received on February 24, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-1559.**—A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Veteran’s Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Provision of Drugs and Medicines to Certain Veterans in State Homes (2900-AK34)” received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-1777.**—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to summarizing the disposition of sixteen cases in which I granted equitable relief during calendar year 2002, received on March 27, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-1778.**—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Seventh Report describing the administration of the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) educational assistance program, received on March 27, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

- EC-1779.**—A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Veterans Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program (2900-AL30) (Interim Final Rule)” received on March 27, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-1849.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Board of Veterans’ Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Board of Veterans’ Appeals: Rules of Practice—Appeal Withdrawal (2900-AK71)” received on April 3, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-1904.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Referrals of Information Regarding Criminal Violations (2900-AL31)” received on April 11, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-1963.**—A communication from the Director, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Eligibility for Burial of Adult Children; Eligibility for Burial of Minor Children; Eligibility for Burial of Certain Filipino Veterans (2900-AI95)” received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-1964.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Reasonable Charges for Medical Care or Services; 2003 Update (2900-AL57)” received on April 24, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-2125.**—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a draft bill entitled “Veterans Programs Improvement Act of 2003” received on April 28, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-2427.**—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a draft rule entitled “To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II and survivors of such veterans, and for other purposes” received on May 19, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-2553.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Schedule for Rating Disabilities Evaluation of Tinnitus (2900-AK86)” received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-2857.**—A communication from the Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans’ Business Development, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report describing the activities of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-2858.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Police and Security Service, Department of Veterans’ Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation—Exemption of Police and Security Records” (RIN2900-AL33) received on June 13, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-2859.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans’ Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans’ Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty and Survivors’ and Developments’ Educational Assistance Program” (RIN2900-AL17) received on June 18, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-2860.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans’ Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Veterans Education: Additional Opportunity to Participate in the Montgomery GI Bill and Other Miscellaneous Issues” (RIN2900-AK81) received on June 18, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-2861.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans’ Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Compensation and Pension Provisions of the Veterans Education and Benefits” (RIN2900-AL29) received on June 18, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-2902.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Accelerated Payments Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty Program” (RIN2900-AL22) received on June 24, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-2903.**—A communication from the Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans’ Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2002 Annual Report entitled “VA Research: Discovery, Innovation, Leadership”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-3028.**—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled “Prisoners of War Benefit Amendments of 2003”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-3438.**—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to simplifying and improving pay provisions for physicians and to authorize alternate work schedules and executive pay for nurses; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-3517.**—A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Regulatory Law, Board of Veterans’ Appeals, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Board of Veterans’ Appeals Title Change” (RIN2900-AL15) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

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- EC-3594.**—A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Regulatory Law, Board of Veterans' Appeals, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Veterans' Appeals Rules of Practice: Claim for Death Benefits by Survivor" (RIN2900-AL11) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4012.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities; the Spine" (FIM2900-AL68) received on August 22, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4013.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medication Prescribed by Non-VA Physicians" (RIN2900-AL68) received on August 22, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4014.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presumption of Service Connection for Cirrhosis of the Liver in Former Prisoners of War" (RIN2900-AL36) received on August 22, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4015.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increases in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve" (RIN2900-AL41) received on August 22, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4016.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Filipino Veterans Eligible for Hospital Care, Nursing Home Care, and Medical Services" (RIN2900-AL18) received on August 22, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4203.**—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2003 through 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4326.**—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to enhancing the ability of the Department of Veterans Affairs to care for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4327.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Effective Dates of Benefits for Disability Caused By Herbicide Exposure: Disposition of Unpaid Benefits After Death of Beneficiary" (RIN2900-AL37) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4410.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program" (RIN2900-AL30) received on September 22, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4411.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility for an Appropriate Government Marker for a Grave Already Marked at Private Expense" (RIN2900-AL40) received on September 22, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4554.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Board of Veterans' Appeals, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Veterans' Appeals: Speeding Appellate Review for Aging Veterans" (RIN2900-AL08) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4555.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Board of Veterans' Appeals, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Veterans' Appeals: Rules of Practice—Motions for Revision of Decisions on Grounds of Clear and Unmistakable Error: Advancement on the Docket" (RIN2900-AJ85) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4828.**—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to improve veterans' benefits programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4829.**—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to the authority of the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs to promulgate regulations relating to staff adjustments of employees appointed under chapter 74 of title 38, United States Code; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-4830.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compensation and Pension Provisions of the Veterans Benefits Act of 2002" (RIN2900-AL62) received on October 8, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- EC-5198.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterans Education: Indecent Study Approved for Certificate Programs and Other Miscellaneous Issues" (RIN2900-AL34) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

- EC-5199.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Disease Associated with Exposure to Certain Herbicide Agents: Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia” (RIN2900-AL55) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-5200.**—A communication from the National President, Women’s Army Corps Veterans’ Association, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual audit of the Association; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-5501.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Veterans Education: Increased Allowances for the Educational Assistance Test Program” (RIN2900-AL52) received on December 1, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-5796.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Reasonable Charges for Medical Care or Services 2003 Methodology Changes” (RIN2900-AL06) received on December 15, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-5797.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Charges Used for Recovery from Tortiously Liable Third Parties for Medical Care or Services Provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs” (RIN2900-AL48) received on December 15, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-5798.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Board of Veterans’ Appeals: Rules of Practice; Use of Supplemental Statement of the Case” (RIN2900-AL42) received on December 15, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-6014.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Exclusions from Income and Net Worth Computations” (RIN2900-AJ52) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-6194.**—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans’ Affairs, transmitting, the Department of Veterans Affairs Special Medical Advisory Group’s Annual Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-6961.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Delegation of Authority—Property Management Contractor” (RIN2900-AL85) received on March 23, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-6962.**—A communication from the Director, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Eligibility for an Appropriate Government Marker for a Grave Already Marked at Private Expense” (RIN2900-AL40) received on March 23, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-7035.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, National Cemetery Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “State Cemetery Grants” (RIN2900-AH46) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-7295.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Board of Veterans’ Appeals, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Board of Veterans’ Appeals: Rules of Practice—Medical Opinions From the Veterans Health Administration” (RIN2900-AK52) received on April 29, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-7575.**—A communication from the Office of Regulation, Policy, and Management, Board of Veterans’ Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Board of Veterans’ Appeals: Rules of Practice—Notice of Procedures Relating to Withdrawal of Services by a Representative” (RIN2900-AL45) received on May 10, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-8096.**—A communication from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Change of Effective Date of Rule Adding a Disease Associated With Exposure to Certain Herbicide Agents: Type 2 Diabetes” (RIN2900-AL93) received on June 22, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-8097.**—A communication from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Sensory-Neural Aids” (RIN2900-AL60) received on June 22, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-8098.**—A communication from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program; Religious Organizations” (RIN2900-AL63) received on June 22, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-8099.**—A communication from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Board of Veterans’ Appeals, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Board of Veterans’ Appeals: Rules of Practice—Motions for Revision of Decisions on Grounds of Clear and Unmistakable Error: Advancement on the Docket” (RIN2900-AJ85) received on June 22, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

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- EC-8100.**—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled the “Veterans Programs Improvement Act of 2004”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-8102.**—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Veterans Affairs’ Report on its competitive sourcing efforts for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-8103.**—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Decision for the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-9050.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans’ Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Exceptions to Definition of Date of Receipt Based on Natural or Man-made Disruption of Normal Business Practices” (RIN2900-AL12) received on August 6, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-9051.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans’ Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Additional Disability or Death Due to Hospital Care, Medical or Surgical Treatment, Examination, Training and Rehabilitation Services, or Compensated Work Therapy Program” (RIN2900-AK77) received on August 6, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-9052.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans’ Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Compensation for Certain Cases of Bilateral Deafness” (RIN2900-AL59) received on August 6, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-9053.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans’ Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Eligibility for Burial in a National Cemetery for Surviving Spouses Who Remarry and New Philippine Scouts” (RIN2900-AM00) received on August 6, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-9054.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans’ Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Copayments for Extended Care Services” (RIN2900-AL49) received on August 6, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-9400.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Board of Veterans’ Appeal, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Board of Veterans’ Appeals: Obtaining Evidence and Curing Procedural Defects” (RIN2900-AL77) received on September 21, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-9612.**—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Priorities for Outpatient Medical Services and Inpatient Hospital Care” (RIN2900-AL39) received on October 4, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-9671.**—A communication from the National President, Women’s Army Corps Veterans’ Association, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Association’s annual audit; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-9900.**—A communication from the Acting Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “VA Research: Serving Our Nations’ Veterans”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-9901.**—A communication from the Office of Registration Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Presumptions of Service Connection for Diseases Associated with Service Involving Detention or Internment as a Prisoner of War” (RIN2900-AM09) received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-10055.**—A communication from the Chief, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Increase in Rates Payable Under the Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance Program” RIN2900-AL64 received on November 5, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-10063.**—A communication from the Chief, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve” (RIN2900-AL80) received on November 5, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-10064.**—A communication from the Chief, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standards for Collection, Compromise, Suspension, or Termination of Collection Effort, and Referral of Civil Claims for Money, Property; Regional Office Committees on Waivers and Compromises; Salary Offset Provisions; Delegations of Authority” (RIN2900-AK10) received on November 5, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- EC-10065.**—A communication from the Chief, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Waivers” (RIN2900-AK29) received on November 5, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

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**EC-10066.**—A communication from the Chief, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Veterans’ Education: Increased Allowances for the Educational Assistance Test Program” (RIN2900-AL81) received on November 5, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-14.**—A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to veterans; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-100.**—A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative to veterans with disabilities; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-101.**—A resolution adopted by the Department of Veteran’s Affairs of the State of Alabama relative to recouping cost incurred from “Operation Iraqi Freedom” from the Country of Iraq; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-127.**—A resolution adopted by the House of the State of Hawaii relative to improving benefits for Filipino Veterans of World War II; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-206.**—A joint resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Colorado relative to the Aurora Veterans’ Memorial; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-207.**—A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-208.**—A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to improving benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-209.**—A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-245.**—A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to improving benefits for Filipino Veterans of World War II; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-246.**— A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to improving benefits for Filipino veterans for World War II; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-267.**—A resolution adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to Pennsylvania’s veterans; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-362.**—A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to a federal charter for the Korean War Veterans Association; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-363.**—A resolution adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to a new national veterans’ cemetery in Philadelphia; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-364.**—A resolution adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urging Congress to not lower veterans’ benefits in the budget; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-423.**—A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative to the State’s DVA health care system; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-424.**—A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to eligibility for prisoner of war benefits; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-471.**—A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to a veterans clinic in Jennings, Louisiana; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-472.**—A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to Filipino World War II Veterans and their families; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-473.**—A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-512.**—A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to veterans’ benefits for Filipino veterans; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-513.**—A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to improving benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-514.**—A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to President George W. Bush’s plans to reduce veterans’ benefits; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

**POM-515.**—A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to the realignment of veterans’ services; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

## EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

### January 07, 2003

PN40

BRUCE E. KASOLD, to be Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

January 7, 2003—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

March 4, 2003—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

April 10, 2003—Reported by Senator Specter, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

April 10, 2003—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 132. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

July 7, 2003—Considered by Senate pursuant to an order of June 27, 2003.

December 9, 2003—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

### January 07, 2003

PN41

ALAN G. LANCE, Sr., to be Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

January 7, 2003—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 17, 2003—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

November 21, 2003—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 21, 2003—Reported by Senator Specter, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

November 21, 2003—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 509.

November 21, 2004—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

### January 09, 2003

PN147

JOHN W. NICHOLSON, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs.

January 9, 2003—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

March 4, 2003—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

April 10, 2003—Reported by Senator Specter, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

April 10, 2003—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 131. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

April 11, 2003—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

### January 28, 2004

PN1272

PAMELA M. IOVINO, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs), Department of Veterans Affairs.

January 28, 2004—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

April 1, 2004—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. (5750)

May 20, 2004—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

May 20, 2004—Reported by Senator Specter, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

May 20, 2004—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 696. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

November 21, 2004—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

### February 14, 2003

PN346

LAWRENCE B. HAGEL, to be Judge of the United States Court of Appeals.

February 14, 2003—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 17, 2003—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

November 21, 2003—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 21, 2003—Reported by Senator Specter, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

November 21, 2003—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 510.

December 9, 2003—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

### March 12, 2004

PN1430

MARY J. SCHOELEN, to be Judge of the United States Court of Appeals.

March 12, 2004—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

September 30, 2004—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

October 6, 2004—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

October 6, 2004—Reported by Senator Specter, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

October 6, 2004—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 906.

November 21, 2004—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

**March 24, 2003**

PN438

DEE ANN MCWILLIAMS, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs.

March 24, 2003—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 2, 2003—Received message of withdrawal of nomination from the President.

**March 26, 2003**

PN452

ROBERT N. DAVIS, to be Judge of the United States Court of Appeals.

March 26, 2003—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

April 1, 2004—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

October 6, 2004—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

October 6, 2004—Reported by Senator Specter, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

October 6, 2004—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 905.

November 21, 2004—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

**June 17, 2004**

PN1764

ROBERT ALLEN PITTMAN, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Administration), Department of Veterans Affairs.

June 17, 2004—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

September 30, 2004—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

October 6, 2004—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

October 6, 2004—Reported by Senator Specter, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

October 6, 2004—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 904. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

November 21, 2004—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

**July 11, 2003**

PN809

CYNTHIA R. CHURCH, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs), Department of Veterans Affairs.

July 11, 2003—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

October 30, 2003—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. (5750)

November 21, 2003—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 21, 2003—Reported by Senator Specter, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

November 21, 2003—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 511. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 22, 2004—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

**September 21, 2004**

PN1979

WILLIAM A. MOORMAN, to be Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

September 21, 2004—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

September 30, 2004—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. October 6, 2004—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

October 6, 2004—Reported by Senator Specter, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

October 6, 2004—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 907.

November 21, 2004—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

**October 14, 2003**

PN1033

ROBERT N. MCFARLAND, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology), Department of Veterans Affairs.

October 14, 2003—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

October 30, 2003—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

November 21, 2003—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 21, 2003—Reported by Senator Specter, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

November 21, 2003—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 512. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 22, 2004—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

**November 03, 2003**

PN1094

GORDON H. MANSFIELD, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs.

November 3, 2003—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

November 21, 2003—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 21, 2003—Reported by Senator Specter, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

November 21, 2003—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 513. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 22, 2004—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

# AUTHOR INDEX OF SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

## Daniel K. Akaka

### Cosponsor

- S. 68 A bill to improve benefits for Filipino Veterans of WWII, and for other purposes.
- S. 1289 A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after Paul Wellstone.
- S. 2063 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a demonstration project on priorities in the scheduling of appointments of veterans for health care through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

## Wayne Allard

### Cosponsor

- S. 613 A bill that authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out major medical facility projects at the site of the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado, that may include inpatient and outpatient facilities providing acute, sub-acute, primary, and long-term care services.

## George Allen

### Cosponsor

- S. 68 A bill to improve benefits for Filipino Veterans of WWII, and for other purposes.
- S. 12113 A bill to improve benefits for Filipino Veterans of WWII, and for other purposes.
- S. 2099 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.

## Max Baucus

### Cosponsor

- S. 50 A bill that requires the Secretary of the Treasury to: (1) make available to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for programs, functions, and activities of the Veterans Health Administration for FY 2005 120 percent of the amount obligated during FY 2002; and (2) adjust the amount provided after FY 2005 based on the number of enrolled veterans and the number of others eligible for and provided care and the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index.

## Robert F. Bennett

### Cosponsor

- S. 1153 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1815 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

## Jeff Bingaman

### Cosponsor

- S. 257 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.
- S. 806 A bill to improve the benefits and protections provided for regular and reserve members of the Armed Forces deployed or mobilized in the interests of the national security of the United States.

## Christopher Bond

### Cosponsor

- S. 1153 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 2099 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.

## Barbara Boxer

### Cosponsor

- S. 68 A bill to improve benefits for Filipino Veterans of WWII, and for other purposes.
- S. 1745 A bill to designate a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action National Memorial at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California.

**John B. Breaux**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 257 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.
- S. 1186 A bill to provide for a reduction in the backlog of claims for benefits pending with the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 2099 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.

**Sam Brownback**

**Sponsor**

- S. 1694 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans who participated in certain Department of Defense chemical and biological warfare testing to be provided health care for illness without requirement for proof of service-connection.

**Jim Bunning**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 1131 A bill to increase, effective December 1, 2003, 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.
- S. 1132 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance certain benefits for survivors of veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 1136 A bill to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.
- S. 1144 A bill to name the health care facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 820 South Damen Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Jesse Brown Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".
- S. 1156 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance the provision of health care for veterans, to authorize major construction projects and other facilities matters for the Department of Veterans Affairs, to enhance and improve authorities relating to the administration of personnel of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 2296 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to give the Commonwealth of Kentucky the first option on the Louisville Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Kentucky, upon its conveyance, lease or other disposal by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Ben Nighthorse Campbell**

**Sponsor**

- S. 613 A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to construct, lease, or modify major medical facilities at the site of the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.
- S. 1489 A bill to authorize the burial of Bob Hope at Arlington National Cemetery.

- S. 2327 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that per diem payments by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the care of veterans in State homes shall not be used to offset or reduce other payments made to assist veterans.

**Cosponsor**

- S. 68 A bill to improve benefits for Filipino Veterans of WWII, and for other purposes.

**Maria Cantwell**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 50 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
- S. 68 A bill to improve benefits for Filipino Veterans of WWII, and for other purposes.
- S. 517 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war.
- S. 1213 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the ability of the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II and survivors of such veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 1283 A bill to require advance notification of Congress regarding any action proposed to be taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the implementation of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 2743 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that only licensed medical doctors, licensed doctors of osteopathy, and certain licensed dentists may perform eye surgery at Department of Veterans Affairs facilities or under contract with the Department.

**Saxby Chambliss**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 792 A bill to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.
- S. 1153 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Hillary Rodham Clinton**

**Sponsor**

- S. 249 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse.
- S. 1856 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs out-patient clinic in Sunnyside, Queens, New York, as the "Thomas P. Noonan, Jr., Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".
- S. 2133 A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in the Bronx, New York, as the James J. Peters Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.
- S. 2573 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of a monthly stipend to the surviving parents

(known as “Gold Star parents”) of members of the Armed Forces who die during a period of war.

**Cosponsor**

- S. **50** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
- S. **68** A bill to improve benefits for Filipino Veterans of WWII, and for other purposes.
- S. **806** A bill to improve the benefits and protections provided for regular and reserve members of the Armed Forces deployed or mobilized in the interests of the national security of the United States.
- S. **1014** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the management of health care services for veterans to place certain low-income veterans in a higher health-care priority category.
- S. **1283** A bill to require advance notification of Congress regarding any action proposed to be taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the implementation of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. **2327** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that per diem payments by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the care of veterans in State homes shall not be used to offset or reduce other payments made to assist veterans.
- S. **2522** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available under the home loan guaranty program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Thad Cochran**

**Cosponsor**

- S. **1153** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. **2099** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.

**Norm Coleman**

**Sponsor**

- S. **1509** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a gratuity to veterans, their spouses, and children who contract HIV or AIDS as a result of a blood transfusion relating to a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.
- S. **2417** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish care for newborn children of women veterans receiving maternity care, and for other purposes.
- S. **2638** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Cosponsor**

- S. **1289** A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after Paul Wellstone.
- S. **2099** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.
- S. **2849** A bill to provide certain enhancements to the Montgomery GI Bill Program for certain individuals who serve as members of the Armed Forces after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and for other purposes.

**Susan Collins**

**Cosponsor**

- S. **Con. Res. 35** A concurrent resolution honoring the 129 sailors and civilians lost aboard the U.S.S. *Thresher* on April 10, 1963, and urging the Secretary of the Army to erect a memorial to this tragedy in Arlington National Cemetery.
- S. **50** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
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**Kent Conrad**

**Sponsor**

- S. **2063** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a demonstration project on priorities in the scheduling of appointments of veterans for health care through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Cosponsor**

- S. **50** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
- S. **55** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.
- S. **257** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans bene-

fits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

**John Cornyn**

**Cosponsor**

S. 1341 A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston, Texas, as the “Michael E. DeBakey Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

**John S. Corzine**

**Sponsor**

S. 1014 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the management of health care services for veterans to place certain low-income veterans in a higher health-care priority category.

S. 1847 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a comprehensive program for testing and treatment of veterans for Hepatitis C virus.

S. 2522 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available under the home loan guaranty program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Cosponsor**

S. 50 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.

S. 55 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.

S. 68 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1948 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.

**Larry E. Craig**

**Sponsor**

S. 1239 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide special compensation for former prisoners of war, and for other purposes.

**Mike Crapo**

**Cosponsor**

S. 2099 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.

**Tom A. Daschle**

**Cosponsor**

S. 50 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.

S. 806 A bill to improve the benefits and protections provided for regular and reserve members of the Armed Forces deployed or mobilized in the interests of the national security of the United States.

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S. 2561 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain servicemembers to become eligible for educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill.

**Mark Dayton**

**Sponsor**

S. 177 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill by establishing an enhanced educational assistance program and by repealing the requirement for reduction in pay for participation in the program, and for other purposes.

**Cosponsor**

S. 50 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.

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**Mike DeWine**

**Cosponsor**

S. 1403 A bill to provide for the establishment of a new Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility for veterans in the Columbus, Ohio, area.

S. 2099 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.

**Christopher J. Dodd**

**Sponsor**

S. 1242 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in New London, Connecticut, as the “John J. McGuirk Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”.

**Cosponsor**

- S. 50 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
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**Byron L. Dorgan**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 50 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
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**Richard Durbin**

**Sponsor**

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**Cosponsor**

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- S. 1283 A bill to require advance notification of Congress regarding any action proposed to be taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the implementation of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**John Edwards**

**Sponsor**

- S. 1186 A bill to provide for a reduction in the backlog of claims for benefits pending with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Cosponsor**

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**John Ensign**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 1213 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the ability of the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II and survivors of such veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 1605 A bill to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative and to satisfy Department of Veterans Affairs requirements on natural disasters, and for other purposes.
- S. 2522 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available under the home loan guaranty program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 2849 A bill to provide certain enhancements to the Montgomery GI Bill Program for certain individuals who serve as members of the Armed Forces after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and for other purposes.

**Russell D. Feingold**

**Sponsor**

- S. 1151 A bill to rescind the Department of Veterans Affairs memorandum of July 18, 2002, in which Directors of health service networks in the Department of Veterans Affairs are directed to ensure that no marketing activities to enroll new veterans occur within their networks.
- S. 1199 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Dianne Feinstein**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 68 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.
- S. 2522 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available under the home loan guaranty program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
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**Peter Fitzgerald**

**Sponsor**

- S. 2743 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that only licensed medical doctors, licensed doctors of osteopathy,

and certain licensed dentists may perform eye surgery at Department of Veterans Affairs facilities or under contract with the Department.

**Cosponsor**

- S. 2596 A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic located in Peoria, Illinois, as the “Bob Michel Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”.

**Bob Graham**

**Sponsor**

- S. 1281 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to presume additional diseases of former prisoners of war to be service-connected for compensation purposes, to enhance the Dose Reconstruction Program of the Department of Defense, to enhance and fund certain other epidemiological studies, and for other purposes.
- S. 1282 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish national cemeteries for geographically underserved populations of veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 1283 A bill to require advance notification of Congress regarding any action proposed to be taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the implementation of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1289 A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after Paul Wellstone.
- S. 1360 A bill to amend section 7105 of title 38, United States Code, to clarify the requirements for notices of disagreement for appellate review of Department of Veterans Affairs activities.
- S. 1572 A bill to authorize the expansion of the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs on assisted living for veterans to include three additional health care regions of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 1605 A bill to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative and to satisfy Department of Veterans Affairs requirements on natural disasters, and for other purposes.
- S. 2524 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of health care, rehabilitation, and related services to veterans suffering from trauma relating to a blast injury, and for other purposes.
- S. 2534 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and enhance benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill, to improve housing benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

**Cosponsor**

- S. 2063 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a demonstration project on priorities in the scheduling of appointments of veterans for health care through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Lindsey Graham**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 1132 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance certain benefits for survivors of veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 1136 A bill to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Civil Relief Act of 1940.

- S. 2417 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish care for newborn children of women veterans receiving maternity care, and for other purposes.

**Judd Gregg**

**Cosponsor**

- S. Con. Res. 35 A concurrent resolution honoring the 129 sailors and civilians lost aboard the U.S.S. Thresher on April 10, 1963, and urging the Secretary of the Army to erect a memorial to this tragedy in Arlington National Cemetery.
- S. 257 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

**Chuck Hagel**

**Sponsor**

- S. 2849 A bill to provide certain enhancements to the Montgomery GI Bill Program for certain individuals who serve as members of the Armed Forces after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and for other purposes.

**Cosponsor**

- S. 1112 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medications on prescriptions written by private practitioners to veterans who are currently awaiting their first appointment with the Department for medical care, and for other purposes.

**Tom Harkin**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 50 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
- S. 1112 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medications on prescriptions written by private practitioners to veterans who are currently awaiting their first appointment with the Department for medical care, and for other purposes.

**Orrin G. Hatch**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 1815 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Ernest F. Hollings**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 2743 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that only licensed medical doctors, licensed doctors of osteopathy, and certain licensed dentists may perform eye surgery at Department of Veterans Affairs facilities or under contract with the Department.

**Kay Bailey Hutchison**

**Sponsor**

**S. 1341** A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston, Texas, as the “Michael E. DeBakey Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

**Cosponsor**

**S. 249** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse.

**S. 1283** A bill to require advance notification of Congress regarding any action proposed to be taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the implementation of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**S. 2417** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish care for newborn children of women veterans receiving maternity care, and for other purposes.

**Daniel K. Inouye**

**Sponsor**

**S. 57** A bill for the relief of Donald C. Pence.

**S. 67** A bill for the relief of Jim K. Yoshida.

**S. 68** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

**S. 69** A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to determine the validity of the claims of certain Filipinos that they performed military service on behalf of the United States during World War II.

**S. 78** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise certain provisions relating to the appointment of professional psychologists in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

**Cosponsor**

**S. 50** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.

**S. 257** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

**S. 1948** 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.

**James M. Jeffords**

**Cosponsor**

**S. 50** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.

**Tim Johnson**

**Sponsor**

**S. 50** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.

**S. 55** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.

**S. 2561** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain servicemembers to become eligible for educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill.

**Cosponsor**

**S. 257** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

**S. 806** A bill to improve the benefits and protections provided for regular and reserve members of the Armed Forces deployed or mobilized in the interests of the national security of the United States.

**S. 1144** A bill to name the health care facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 820 South Damen Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Jesse Brown Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

**S. 1289** A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after Paul Wellstone.

**S. 2063** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a demonstration project on priorities in the scheduling of appointments of veterans for health care through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Edward M. Kennedy**

**Cosponsor**

**S. 50** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.

**John F. Kerry**

**Sponsor**

**S. 1112** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medications on prescriptions written by private practitioners to veterans who are currently awaiting their first appointment with the Department for medical care, and for other purposes.

**Cosponsor**

**S. 50** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.

**S. 55** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.

- S. 68 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.
- S. 249 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse.
- S. 257 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

**Jon Kyl**

**Sponsor**

- S. 1511 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the “Bob Stump Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

**Mary L. Landrieu**

**Sponsor**

- S. 334 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide eligibility for astronauts for Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance.

**Cosponsor**

- S. 50 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
- S. 68 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.
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- S. 257 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.
- S. 1948 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.
- S. 2099 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.

**Frank R. Lautenberg**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 50 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
- S. 55 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.

- S. 68 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.
- S. 1509 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a gratuity to veterans, their spouses, and children who contract HIV or AIDS as a result of a blood transfusion relating to a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.

**Patrick J. Leahy**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 50 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
- S. 55 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.
- S. 806 A bill to improve the benefits and protections provided for regular and reserve members of the Armed Forces deployed or mobilized in the interests of the national security of the United States.
- S. 1948 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.
- S. 2099 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.

**Carl Levin**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 257 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.
- S. 806 A bill to improve the benefits and protections provided for regular and reserve members of the Armed Forces deployed or mobilized in the interests of the national security of the United States.
- S. 1914 A bill to prohibit the closure or realignment of inpatient services at the Aleda E. Lutz Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Saginaw, Michigan, as proposed under the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative.

**Joe I. Lieberman**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 55 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.
- S. 249 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse.
- S. 257 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans bene-

fits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.  
**S. 1948** 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.

**Blanche L. Lincoln**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 249** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse.
- S. 1199** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 2099** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.

**John McCain**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 257** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.
- S. 1199** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1511** A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the “Bob Stump Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

**Barbara A. Mikulski**

**Sponsor**

- S. 1124** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

**Cosponsor**

- S. 50** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
- S. 517** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war.
- S. 806** A bill to improve the benefits and protections provided for regular and reserve members of the Armed Forces deployed or mobilized in the interests of the national security of the United States.

**Zell Miller**

**Sponsor**

- S. 792** A bill to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Civil Relief Act of 1940.

- S. 2099** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.

**Cosponsor**

- S. 50** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
- S. 68** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.
- S. 766** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Jacksonville, Florida, metropolitan area.
- S. 1136** A bill to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Civil Relief Act of 1940.
- S. 1289** A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after Paul Wellstone.
- S. 2417** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish care for newborn children of women veterans receiving maternity care, and for other purposes.

**Lisa Murkowski**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 68** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.
- S. 2099** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.
- S. 2417** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish care for newborn children of women veterans receiving maternity care, and for other purposes.
- S. 2486** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance education, housing, employment, medical, and other benefits for veterans and to improve and extend certain authorities relating to the administration or benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 2522** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available under the home loan guaranty program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Patty Murray**

**Sponsor**

- S. 517** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war.
- S. 938** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who died on or before September 30, 1999, under the same eligibility conditions as apply to payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who die after that date.

**S. 1188** A bill to repeal the two-year limitation on the payment of accrued benefits that are due and unpaid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs upon the death of a veteran or other beneficiary under laws administered by the Secretary, to allow for substitution of parties in the case of a claim for benefits provided by the Secretary when the applicant for such benefits dies while the claim is pending, and for other purposes.

**Cosponsor**

- S. 50** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
- S. 68** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.
- S. 249** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse.
- S. 792** A bill to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.
- S. 806** A bill to improve the benefits and protections provided for regular and reserve members of the Armed Forces deployed or mobilized in the interests of the national security of the United States.
- S. 1144** A bill to name the health care facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 820 South Damen Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Jesse Brown Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".
- S. 1283** A bill to require advance notification of Congress regarding any action proposed to be taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the implementation of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1289** A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after Paul Wellstone.
- S. 2099** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.
- S. 2327** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that per diem payments by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the care of veterans in State homes shall not be used to offset or reduce other payments made to assist veterans.
- S. 2486** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance education, housing, employment, medical, and other benefits for veterans and to improve and extend certain authorities relating to the administration or benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 2522** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available under the home loan guaranty program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 2534** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and enhance benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill, to improve housing benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

**Bill Nelson**

**Sponsor**

- S. 257** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.
- S. 766** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Jacksonville, Florida, metropolitan area.

**Cosponsor**

- S. 50** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
- S. 68** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.
- S. 1282** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish national cemeteries for geographically underserved populations of veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 2522** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available under the home loan guaranty program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 2534** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and enhance benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill, to improve housing benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

**Benjamin E. Nelson**

**Sponsor**

- S. 257** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.
- S. 806** A bill to improve the benefits and protections provided for regular and reserve members of the Armed Forces deployed or mobilized in the interests of the national security of the United States.

**Cosponsor**

- S. 1289** A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after Paul Wellstone.

**Mark L. Pryor**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 517** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war.

**Harry Reid**

**Sponsor**

- S. 1948** 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.

**Cosponsor**

- S. **50** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
- S. **68** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.
- S. **249** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse.
- S. **257** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.
- S. **1605** A bill to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative and to satisfy Department of Veterans Affairs requirements on natural disasters, and for other purposes.

**John D. Rockefeller IV**

**Sponsor**

- S. **548** A bill to improve mental health programs for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. **836** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend by five years the period for the provision by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of noninstitutional extended care services and required nursing home care.

**Cosponsor**

- S. **50** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
- S. **249** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse.
- S. **1131** A bill to increase, effective December 1, 2003, 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.
- S. **1144** A bill to name the health care facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 820 South Damen Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Jesse Brown Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.
- S. **1281** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to presume additional diseases of former prisoners of war to be service-connected for compensation purposes, to enhance the Dose Reconstruction Program of the Department of Defense, to enhance and fund certain other epidemiological studies, and for other purposes.
- S. **1289** A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after Paul Wellstone.
- S. **1360** A bill to amend section 7105 of title 38, United States Code, to clarify the requirements for notices of disagreement for appellate review of Department of Veterans Affairs activities.
- S. **2063** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a demonstration project on priorities in the scheduling of appointments of veterans for health care through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Rick Santorum**

**Sponsor**

- S. **615** A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Horsham, Pennsylvania, as the “Victor J. Saracini Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”.
- S. **2982** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make a stillborn child an insurable dependent for purposes of the Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance program.

**Cosponsor**

- S. **1077** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southeastern Pennsylvania.

**Paul S. Sarbanes**

**Cosponsor**

- S. **50** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
- S. **68** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

**Charles E. Schumer**

**Sponsor**

- S. **967** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to replace with a more equitable formula the current formula, known as the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation (VERA), for the allocation of funds appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for medical care to different geographic regions of the Nation, and for other purposes.
- S. **978** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide housing loan benefits for the purchase of residential cooperative apartment units.

**Cosponsor**

- S. **50** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
- S. **68** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.
- S. **517** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war.
- S. **1213** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the ability of the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II and survivors of such veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. **1856** A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Sunnyside, Queens, New York, as the “Thomas P. Noonan, Jr., Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”.
- S. **1948** 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.

**S. 2133** A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in the Bronx, New York, as the James J. Peters Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

**Jeff Sessions**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 249** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse.
- S. 257** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.
- S. 1282** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish national cemeteries for geographically underserved populations of veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 2099** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.
- S. 2743** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that only licensed medical doctors, licensed doctors of osteopathy, and certain licensed dentists may perform eye surgery at Department of Veterans Affairs facilities or under contract with the Department.

**Gordon H. Smith**

**Cosponsor**

- S. 257** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.
- S. 1153** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 2099** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.

**Olympia J. Snowe**

**Sponsor**

**S. 1846** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service-connection for certain veterans with Hepatitis C, and for other purposes.

**Cosponsor**

**S. Con. Res. 35** A concurrent resolution honoring the 129 sailors and civilians lost aboard the U.S.S. Thresher on April 10, 1963, and urging the Secretary of the Army to erect a memorial to this tragedy in Arlington National Cemetery.

**S. 50** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.

**S. 1135** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**S. 2327** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that per diem payments by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the care of veterans in State homes shall not be used to offset or reduce other payments made to assist veterans.

**Arlen Specter**

**Sponsor**

- S. Res. 35** An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- S. 1074** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance burial benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 1077** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southeastern Pennsylvania.
- S. 1133** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the authorities of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation, pension, education benefits, life insurance benefits, and memorial benefits, to improve the administration of benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 1136** A bill to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.
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**Ted Stevens**

**Cosponsor**

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**John E. Sununu**

**Sponsor**

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**George V. Voinovich**

**Sponsor**

- S. **1403** A bill to provide for the establishment of a new Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility for veterans in the Columbus, Ohio, area.

**John Warner**

**Sponsor**

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**S. 806** A bill to improve the benefits and protections provided for regular and reserve members of the Armed Forces deployed or mobilized in the interests of the national security of the United States.

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**S. 2327** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that per diem payments by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the care of veterans in State homes shall not be used to offset or reduce other payments made to assist veterans.

**S. 1136** A bill to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.

**S. 1948** 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.

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## EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

**S. 2099** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.

**S. 55** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.

**S. 177** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill by establishing an enhanced educational assistance program and by repealing the requirement for reduction in pay for participation in the program, and for other purposes.

**S. 730** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit the transfer to spouses and children of a portion of the entitlement of certain members of the Armed Forces to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.

**EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE—Continued**

- S. 2849 A bill to provide certain enhancements to the Montgomery GI Bill Program for certain individuals who serve as members of the Armed Forces after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and for other purposes.
- S. 2561 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain servicemembers to become eligible for educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill.
- S. 2534 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and enhance benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill, to improve housing benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

**FEMALE VETERANS**

- S. 2417 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish care for newborn children of women veterans receiving maternity care, and for other purposes.

**HEALTH CARE**

- S. 50 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.
- S. 2982 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make a stillborn child an insurable dependent for purposes of the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program.
- S. 2743 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that only licensed medical doctors, licensed doctors of osteopathy, and certain licensed dentists may perform eye surgery at Department of Veterans Affairs facilities or under contract with the Department.
- S. 2524 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of health care, rehabilitation, and related services to veterans suffering from trauma relating to a blast injury, and for other purposes.
- S. 2484 An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to simplify and improve pay provisions for physicians and dentists and to authorize alternate work schedules and executive pay for nurses, and for other purposes.
- S. 1014 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the management of health care services for veterans to place certain low-income veterans in a higher health-care priority category.
- S. 1112 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medications on prescriptions written by private practitioners to veterans who are currently awaiting their first appointment with the Department for medical care, and for other purposes.
- S. 2063 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a demonstration project on priorities in the scheduling of appointments of veterans for health care through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1847 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a comprehensive program for testing and treatment of veterans for Hepatitis C virus.
- S. 1846 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service-connection for certain veterans with Hepatitis C, and for other purposes.
- S. 1572 A bill to authorize the expansion of the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs on assisted living for veterans to include three additional health care regions of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 1509 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a gratuity to veterans, their spouses, and children who contract

- HIV or AIDS as a result of a blood transfusion relating to a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.
- S. 1281 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to presume additional diseases of former prisoners of war to be service-connected for compensation purposes, to enhance the Dose Reconstruction Program of the Department of Defense, to enhance and fund certain other epidemiological studies, and for other purposes.
- S. 1151 A bill to rescind the Department of Veterans Affairs memorandum of July 18, 2002, in which Directors of health service networks in the Department of Veterans Affairs are directed to ensure that no marketing activities to enroll new veterans occur within their networks.
- S. 1153 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**HOME LOANS**

- S. 978 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide housing loan benefits for the purchase of residential cooperative apartment units.
- S. 2522 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available under the home loan guaranty program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 2486 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance education, housing, employment, medical, and other benefits for veterans and to improve and extend certain authorities relating to the administration or benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

**MEDICAL FACILITIES**

- S. 613 A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to construct, lease, or modify major medical facilities at the site of the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.
- S. 615 A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Horsham, Pennsylvania, as the "Victor J. Saracini Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".
- S. 967 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to replace with a more equitable formula the current formula, known as the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation (VERA), for the allocation of funds appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for medical care to different geographic regions of the Nation, and for other purposes.
- S. 2596 A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic located in Peoria, Illinois, as the "Bob Michel Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".
- S. 2485 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance the authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to the management and disposal of real property and facilities, and for other purposes.
- S. 2296 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to give the Commonwealth of Kentucky the first option on the Louisville Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Kentucky, upon its conveyance, lease or other disposal by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 2133 A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in the Bronx, New York, as the James J. Peters Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

**MEDICAL FACILITIES—Continued**

- S. 1856 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Sunnyside, Queens, New York, as the “Thomas P. Noonan, Jr., Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”.
- S. 1914 A bill to prohibit the closure or realignment of inpatient services at the Aleda E. Lutz Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Saginaw, Michigan, as proposed under the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative.
- S. 1815 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- S. 1511 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the “Bob Stump Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.
- S. 1156 A bill to provide for a reduction in the backlog of claims for benefits pending with the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 1605 A bill to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative and to satisfy Department of Veterans Affairs requirements on natural disasters, and for other purposes.
- S. 1403 A bill to provide for the establishment of a new Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility for veterans in the Columbus, Ohio, area.
- S. 1289 A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after Paul Wellstone.
- S. 1341 A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston, Texas, as the “Michael E. DeBakey Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.
- S. 1242 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in New London, Connecticut, as the “John J. McGuirk Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”.
- S. 1144 A bill to name the health care facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 820 South Damen Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Jesse Brown Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.
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**MENTAL HEALTH**

- S. 78 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise certain provisions relating to the appointment of professional psychologists in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.
- S. 548 A bill to improve mental health programs for veterans, and for other purposes.

**NURSING HOMES**

- S. 836 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend by five years the period for the provision by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of noninstitutional extended care services and required nursing home care.

**OUTREACH**

- S. 2776 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program of outreach to veterans of World War II and the

Korean conflict on the nature and availability of benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

- S. 2638 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1199 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**WIDOW/DEPENDENCY, INDEMNITY COMPENSATION**

- S. 249 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse.
- S. 938 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who died on or before September 30, 1999, under the same eligibility conditions as apply to payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who die after that date.
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- S. 1132 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance certain benefits for survivors of veterans, and for other purposes.
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