

ans Affairs may contract with facilities in the Republic of the Philippines other than the Veterans Memorial Medical Center to furnish, during the period from February 28, 1994, through June 1, 1994, hospital care and medical services to veterans for nonservice-connected disabilities if such veterans are unable to defray the expenses of necessary hospital care. When the Secretary determines it to be most feasible, the Secretary may provide medical services under the preceding sentence to such veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic at Manila, Republic of the Philippines.

SEC. 105. RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS DURING PERIOD OF LAPSED AUTHORITY.

Any action of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under section 1710(e) of title 38, United States Code, during the period beginning on July 1, 1994, and ending on the date of the enactment of this Act is hereby ratified.

TITLE II—CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION

SEC. 201. AUTHORIZATION OF MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECTS AND MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY LEASES.

(a) **PROJECTS AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and may carry out the major medical facility leases for that Department, for which funds are requested in the budget of the President for fiscal year 1995. The authorization in the preceding sentence applies to projects and leases which have not been authorized, or for which funds have not been appropriated, in any fiscal year before fiscal year 1995 and to projects and leases which have been authorized, or for which funds were appropriated, in fiscal years before fiscal year 1995.

(b) **ADDITIONAL PROJECTS.**—(1) In addition to the projects authorized in subsection (a), the Secretary may carry out the following major medical facility projects in the amounts specified for such projects:

(A) The projects that are proposed in the documents submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in conjunction with the budget of the President for fiscal year 1995 to be financed with funds from the proposed Health Care Investment Fund.

(B) Construction of a nursing home facility at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Charleston, South Carolina, in the amount of \$7,300,000.

(C) Construction of an outpatient care addition at the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Phoenix, Arizona, in the amount of \$50,000,000.

(D) A lease/purchase of a nursing home facility near Fort Myers, Florida, in the amount of \$12,800,000.

(2) The authorizations in paragraph (1) apply to projects which have not been authorized, or for which funds have not been appropriated, in any fiscal year before fiscal year 1995 and to projects which have been authorized, or for which funds were appropriated, in fiscal years before fiscal year 1995.

(c) **PROJECTS FOR WHICH FUNDS APPROPRIATED.**—In addition to the projects authorized in subsections (a) and (b), the Secretary may carry out the following major medical facility projects for which funds were appropriated in chapter 7 of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1994 (title I of Public Law 103-211; 108 Stat. 10) in the amounts specified:

(1) Construction of an ambulatory care/support services facility at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Sepulveda, California, \$53,700,000.

(2) Other major medical facility projects required to repair, restore, or replace earthquake-damaged facilities at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Sepulveda, California, \$50,000,000.

SEC. 202. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1995—

(1) \$379,370,000 for the major medical facility projects authorized in subsections (a), (b), and (c) of section 201; and

(2) \$15,800,000 for the major medical facility leases authorized in section 201(a).

(b) **LIMITATION.**—The projects authorized in subsections (a) and (b) of section 201 may only be carried out using—

(1) funds appropriated for fiscal year 1995 pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in subsection (a);

(2) funds appropriated for Construction, Major Projects for a fiscal year before fiscal year 1995 that remain available for obligation; and

(3) funds appropriated for Construction, Major Projects for fiscal year 1995 for a category of activity not specific to a project.

(c) **LIMITATION ON CERTAIN PROJECTS.**—The projects authorized in subsection (c) of section 201 may only be carried out using—

(1) funds appropriated to the Construction, Major Projects account under chapter 7 of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1994 (title I of Public Law 103-211; 108 Stat. 10) and funds transferred by the President to the Construction, Major Projects account pursuant to chapter 8 of that Act (108 Stat. 14);

(2) funds appropriated to the Medical Care account by chapter 7 of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1994 that are transferred to the Construction, Major Projects account;

(3) funds appropriated to the Construction, Major Projects account for a fiscal year before fiscal year 1995 that remain available for obligation; and

(4) funds appropriated to the Construction, Major Projects account for fiscal year 1995 for a category of activity not specific to a project.

In lieu of the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill, amend the title so as to read: "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring veterans' health care programs, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said Senate amendments were agreed to with amendments was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said amendments.

¶122.10 VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT

On motion of Mr. MONTGOMERY, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (S. 1927) to increase 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; together with the following amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House was taken from the Speaker's table:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment to the text of the bill, insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1994".

SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION.

(a) **RATE ADJUSTMENT.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, effective on December

1, 1994, increase the dollar amounts in effect for the payment of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation by the Secretary, as specified in subsection (b)—

(b) **AMOUNTS TO BE INCREASED.**—The dollar amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are the following:

(1) **COMPENSATION.**—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under section 1114 of title 38, United States Code.

(2) **ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS.**—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under section 1115(1) of such title.

(3) **CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.**—The dollar amount in effect under section 1162 of such title.

(4) **NEW DIC RATES.**—The dollar amounts in effect under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1311(a) of such title.

(5) **OLD DIC RATES.**—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under section 1311(a)(3) of such title.

(6) **ADDITIONAL DIC FOR DISABILITY.**—The dollar amounts in effect under sections 1311(c) and 1311(d) of such title.

(7) **DIC FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.**—The dollar amounts in effect under sections 1313(a) and 1314 of such title.

(c) **DETERMINATION OF PERCENTAGE INCREASE.**—(1) The increase under subsection (a) shall be made in the dollar amounts specified in subsection (b) as in effect on November 30, 1994. Each such amount shall be increased by the same percentage as the percentage by which benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1, 1994, as a result of a determination under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

(2) In the computation of increased dollar amounts pursuant to paragraph (1), any amount which as so computed is not an even multiple of \$1 shall be rounded to the next lower whole dollar amount.

(d) **SPECIAL RULE.**—The Secretary may adjust administratively, consistent with the increases made under subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation payable to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public Law 85-857 (72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 3. PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTED RATES.

At the same time as the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be published by reason of a determination made under section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 1994, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall publish in the Federal Register the amounts specified in section 2(b), as increased pursuant to section 2.

On motion of Mr. MONTGOMERY, said Senate amendment to the House amendment was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said Senate amendment to the House amendment was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶122.11 NEW LONDON NATIONAL FISHING HATCHERY

On motion of Mr. STUDDS, by unanimous consent, the bill (H.R. 3664) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London National Fishing Hatchery production facility; together with the following amendments of the Senate thereto, was taken from the Speaker's table: