

Senate Veteran Legislation
29 November 08

Of the 3676 pieces of legislation introduced in the 110th Congress to date by your Senators, the following 145 resolutions & bills are of interest to the non-active duty veteran community. A good indication on the likelihood a bill of being forwarded to the House for passage and subsequently being signed into law by the President is the number of cosponsors who have signed onto the bill. The member who introduces the bill is considered the sponsor. A cosponsor is a member of Congress who has joined one or more members in his/her chamber (i.e. House or Senate) to sponsor a bill or amendment. Any number of members may cosponsor a bill in the House or Senate. At <http://thomas.loc.gov> you can review a copy of each bill, determine its current status, the committee it has been assigned to, and if your legislator is a sponsor or cosponsor of it. To determine what bills, amendments your representative has sponsored, cosponsored, or dropped sponsorship on refer to <http://thomas.loc.gov/bss/d110/sponlst.html>. The key to increasing cosponsorship is letting our senators know of veterans feelings on issues. You can locate on <http://thomas.loc.gov> who your representative is and his/her phone number, mailing address, or email/website to communicate with a message or letter of your own making:

1. [S.RES.55](#): An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 1/31/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs; Senate Rules and Administration
Latest Major Action: 1/31/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

2. [S.RES.117](#): A resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the construction and dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.
Sponsor: [Sen Hagel, Chuck](#) [NE] (introduced 3/22/2007) **Cosponsors** (65)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/22/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

3. [S.RES.289](#): A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" should be established.
Sponsor: [Sen Boxer, Barbara](#) [CA] (introduced 8/1/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/8/2007 Passed/agreed to in Senate. Status: Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

4. [S.RES.364](#): A resolution commending the people of the State of Washington for showing their support for the needs of the State of Washington's veterans and encouraging residents of other States to pursue creative ways to show their own support for veterans.
Sponsor: [Sen Murray, Patty](#) [WA] (introduced 11/1/2007) **Cosponsors** (1)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 11/1/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

5. [S.RES.365](#): A resolution encouraging all employers to target veterans for recruitment and to provide preference in hiring to qualified veterans.

Sponsor: [Sen Smith, Gordon H.](#) [OR] (introduced 11/2/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/2/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

6. [S.RES.575](#): A resolution expressing the support of the Senate for veteran entrepreneurs.

Sponsor: [Sen Stevens, Ted](#) [AK] (introduced 5/22/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (9)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/22/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

7. [S.22](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Webb, Jim](#) [VA] (introduced 1/4/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (57)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/7/2008 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

8. [S.38](#): A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program for the provision of readjustment and mental health services to veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Domenici, Pete V.](#) [NM] (introduced 5/23/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (16)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/24/2007 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

9. [S.57](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: [Sen Inouye, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 1/4/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (15)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/4/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

10. [S.66](#): 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.

Sponsor: [Sen Inouye, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 1/4/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/4/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the

Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

11. [S.117](#): A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for members of the Armed Forces, veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, and other veterans, to require reports on the effects of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Obama, Barack](#) [IL] (introduced 1/4/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (15)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/4/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

12. [S.161](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans.

Sponsor: [Sen Thune, John](#) [SD] (introduced 1/4/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/4/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

13. [S.168](#): A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Pikes Peak Region of Colorado.

Sponsor: [Sen Allard, Wayne](#) [CO] (introduced 1/4/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/4/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

14. [S.225](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the number of individuals qualifying for retroactive benefits from traumatic injury protection coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

Sponsor: [Sen Craig, Larry E.](#) [ID] (introduced 1/9/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/9/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

15. [S.229](#): A bill to redesignate a Federal building in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

Sponsor: [Sen Domenici, Pete V.](#) [NM] (introduced 1/9/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 110-45 [GPO: [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

16. [S.383](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of eligibility for health care

for combat service in the Persian Gulf War or future hostilities from two years to five years after discharge or release.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 1/24/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (4)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/24/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

17. [S.423](#): A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, 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.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 1/29/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (10)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Senate Reports: [110-135](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/24/2007 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 283.

Note: For further action, see [H.R.1284](#), which became Public Law 110-111 on 11/5/2007.

18. [S.472](#): A bill to authorize a major medical facility project for the Department of Veterans Affairs at Denver, Colorado.

Sponsor: [Sen Allard, Wayne](#) [CO] (introduced 2/1/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/1/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

19. [S.479](#): A bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

Sponsor: [Sen Harkin, Tom](#) [IA] (introduced 2/1/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (31)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Senate Reports: [110-132](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/23/2007 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 279.

Note: For further action, see [H.R.327](#), which became Public Law 110-110 on 11/5/2007.

20. [S.526](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the scope of programs of education for which accelerated payments of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill may be used, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Pryor, Mark L.](#) [AR] (introduced 2/8/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/8/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

21. [S.610](#): A bill to clarify the effective date of the modification of treatment for retirement annuity purposes of part-time service before April 7, 1986, of certain Department of Veterans Affairs health-care professionals.

Sponsor: [Sen Rockefeller, John D., IV](#) [WV] (introduced 2/15/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/15/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

22. [S.643](#): A bill to amend section 1922A of title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of supplemental insurance available for totally disabled veterans.
Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 2/15/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/15/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

23. [S.692](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a Hospital Quality Report Card Initiative to report on health care quality in Veterans Affairs hospitals.
Sponsor: [Sen Obama, Barack](#) [IL] (introduced 2/27/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (1)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/27/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

24. [S.698](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance educational assistance for survivors and dependents of veterans.
Sponsor: [Sen Durbin, Richard](#) [IL] (introduced 2/27/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (2)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 2/27/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

25. [S.815](#): A bill to provide health care benefits to veterans with a service-connected disability at non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities that receive payments under the Medicare program or the TRICARE program.
Sponsor: [Sen Craig, Larry E.](#) [ID] (introduced 3/8/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (3)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/8/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

26. [S.847](#): A bill to extend the period of time during which a veteran's multiple sclerosis is to be considered to have been incurred in, or aggravated by, military service during a period of war.
Sponsor: [Sen Murray, Patty](#) [WA] (introduced 3/13/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (2)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 3/13/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

27. [S.848](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war.

Sponsor: [Sen Murray, Patty](#) [WA] (introduced 3/13/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/13/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

28. [S.874](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a financial assistance program to facilitate the provision of supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Burr, Richard](#) [NC] (introduced 3/14/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/14/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

29. [S.882](#): A bill to require a pilot program on the facilitation of the transition of members of the Armed Forces to receipt of veterans health care benefits upon completion of military service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Menendez, Robert](#) [NJ] (introduced 3/14/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (7)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/14/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

30. [S.961](#): A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Nelson, E. Benjamin](#) [NE] (introduced 3/22/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (61)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/7/2008 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

31. [S.994](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Tester, Jon](#) [MT] (introduced 3/27/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (13)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/27/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

32. [S.1026](#): A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the "Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

Sponsor: [Sen Chambliss, Saxby](#) [GA] (introduced 3/29/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (10)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/29/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Note: For further action, see [H.R.1808](#), which became Public Law 110-112 on 11/8/2007.

33. [S.1043](#): A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report to Congress on proposed changes to the use of the West Los Angeles Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, California.

Sponsor: [Sen Feinstein, Dianne](#) [CA] (introduced 3/29/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/29/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

34. [S.1096](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain housing benefits to disabled members of the Armed Forces, to expand certain benefits for disabled veterans with severe burns, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Cornyn, John](#) [TX] (introduced 4/12/2007) **Cosponsors** (5)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/12/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

35. [S.1146](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Salazar, Ken](#) [CO] (introduced 4/18/2007) **Cosponsors** (27)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/18/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

36. [S.1147](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to terminate the administrative freeze on the enrollment into the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs of veterans in the lowest priority category for enrollment (referred to as "Priority 8").

Sponsor: [Sen Murray, Patty](#) [WA] (introduced 4/18/2007) **Cosponsors** (4)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/18/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

37. [S.1163](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation and specially adapted housing for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, and to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 4/19/2007) **Cosponsors** (6)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Senate Reports: [110-143](#)

Latest Major Action: 11/2/2007 Senate floor actions. Status: Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 328.

Note: For further action, see [H.R. 797](#), which became Public Law 110-157 on 12/26/2007.

38. [S.1205](#): A bill to require a pilot program on assisting veterans service organizations and other veterans groups in developing and promoting peer support programs that facilitate community reintegration of veterans returning from active duty, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Smith, Gordon H.](#) [OR] (introduced 4/25/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (5)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/25/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

39. [S.1215](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and improve certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 4/25/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/25/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

40. [S.1233](#): A bill to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 4/26/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (12)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Senate Reports: [110-147](#)

Latest Major Action: 8/29/2007 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 335.

41. [S.1261](#): A bill to amend title 10 and 38, United States Code, to repeal the 10-year limit on use of Montgomery GI Bill educational assistance benefits, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Cantwell, Maria](#) [WA] (introduced 5/1/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (6)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/1/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

42. [S.1265](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for veterans' mortgage life insurance to include members of the Armed Forces receiving specially adapted housing assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: [Sen Craig, Larry E.](#) [ID] (introduced 5/2/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/2/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

43. [S.1266](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase assistance for veterans interred in

cemeteries other than national cemeteries, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Craig, Larry E.](#) [ID] (introduced 5/2/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/2/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

44. [S.1278](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the scope of programs of education for which accelerated payments of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill may be used, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Hagel, Chuck](#) [NE] (introduced 5/3/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/3/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

45. [S.1289](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the salary and terms of judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, to modify authorities for the recall of retired judges of such court, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Craig, Larry E.](#) [ID] (introduced 5/3/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/3/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

46. [S.1290](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide additional discretion to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in contracting with State approving agencies, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Craig, Larry E.](#) [ID] (introduced 5/3/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/3/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

47. [S.1293](#): A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for members and former members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Craig, Larry E.](#) [ID] (introduced 5/3/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/3/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

48. [S.1313](#): A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide relief for servicemembers with respect to contracts for cellular phone service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Feingold, Russell D.](#) [WI] (introduced 5/7/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/7/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

49. [S.1314](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: [Sen Feingold, Russell D.](#) [WI] (introduced 5/7/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (2)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/7/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

50. [S.1315](#): An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance veterans' insurance and housing benefits, to improve benefits and services for transitioning servicemembers, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 5/7/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (1)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Senate Reports: [110-148](#)
Latest Major Action: 9/22/2008 Passed/agreed to in House. Status: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.

51. [S.1326](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance compensation and pension, health care, housing, burial, and other benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: [Sen Sanders, Bernard](#) [VT] (introduced 5/8/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/8/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

52. [S.1334](#): A bill to amend section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, to make permanent authority to furnish government headstones and markers for graves of veterans at private cemeteries, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: [Sen Dodd, Christopher J.](#) [CT] (introduced 5/8/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (8)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/8/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

53. [S.1344](#): A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Wenatchee, Washington, as the Elwood "Bud" Link Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic.
Sponsor: [Sen Murray, Patty](#) [WA] (introduced 5/9/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 5/9/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
Note: For further action, see [H.R.2245](#), which became Public Law 110-302 on 8/12/2008.

54. [S.1384](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal authority for adjustments to per diem payments to homeless veterans service centers for receipt of other sources of income, to extend authorities for certain programs to benefit homeless veterans. and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 5/14/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/14/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

55. [S.1392](#): A bill to increase the authorization for the major medical facility project to consolidate the medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs at the University Drive and H. John Heinz III divisions, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sponsor: [Sen Specter, Arlen](#) [PA] (introduced 5/15/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/15/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

56. [S.1396](#): A bill to authorize a major medical facility project to modernize inpatient wards at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Sponsor: [Sen Isakson, Johnny](#) [GA] (introduced 5/15/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 110-168 [**GPO:** [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

57. [S.1409](#): A bill to provide and enhance education, housing, and entrepreneur assistance for veterans who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Clinton, Hillary Rodham](#) [NY] (introduced 5/16/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/16/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

58. [S.1417](#): A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report to Congress providing a master plan for the use of the West Los Angeles Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, California, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Feinstein, Dianne](#) [CA] (introduced 5/17/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/17/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

59. [S.1421](#): A bill to provide for the maintenance, management, and availability for research of assets of Air Force Health Study.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 5/17/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/17/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

60. [S.1441](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to accept new applications for grants for State home construction projects to authorize the Secretary to award grants for construction of facilities used in non-institutional care programs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Craig, Larry E.](#) [ID] (introduced 5/21/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

61. [S.1454](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Mikulski, Barbara A.](#) [MD] (introduced 5/23/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/23/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

62. [S.1468](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Mikulski, Barbara A.](#) [MD] (introduced 5/23/2007) **Cosponsors** (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/23/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

63. [S.1480](#): 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.

Sponsor: [Sen Clinton, Hillary Rodham](#) [NY] (introduced 5/24/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/24/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

64. [S.1569](#): A bill to establish a pilot program on the provision of legal services to assist veterans and members of the Armed Forces receive health care, benefits and services, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Feingold, Russell D.](#) [WI] (introduced 6/7/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/7/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

65. [S.1585](#): A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Ernest Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

Sponsor: [Sen Inhofe, James M.](#) [OK] (introduced 6/11/2007) **Cosponsors** (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 12/17/2007 Held at the desk.

Note: For further action, see [H.R.366](#), which became Public Law 110-156 on 12/26/2007.

66. [S.1658](#): A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide protection for child custody arrangements for parents who are members of the Armed Forces deployed in support of a contingency operation.

Sponsor: [Sen Gregg, Judd](#) [NH] (introduced 6/19/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/19/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

67. [S.1672](#): A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility.

Sponsor: [Sen Hagel, Chuck](#) [NE] (introduced 6/21/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (4)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/21/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

68. [S.1718](#): A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for reimbursement to servicemembers of tuition for programs of education interrupted by military service, for deferment of students loans and reduced interest rates for servicemembers during periods of military service, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Brown, Sherrod](#) [OH] (introduced 6/27/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (14)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/27/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

69. [S.1719](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide additional educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill to veterans pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering, or math.

Sponsor: [Sen Brown, Sherrod](#) [OH] (introduced 6/27/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/27/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

70. [S.1757](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend or make permanent certain authorities for veterans' benefits, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (by request) (introduced 7/10/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/10/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

71. [S.1838](#): A bill to provide for the health care needs of veterans in far South Texas.
Sponsor: [Sen Cornyn, John](#) [TX] (introduced 7/19/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (4)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 7/19/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

72. [S.2004](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish epilepsy centers of excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: [Sen Murray, Patty](#) [WA] (introduced 8/3/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (9)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Senate Reports: [110-247](#)
Latest Major Action: 12/12/2007 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 540.

73. [S.2025](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility criteria for special monthly pension.
Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (by request) (introduced 9/6/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/6/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

74. [S.2026](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, chapter 11, to clarify that an award of benefits based on a regulatory presumption established pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 1116 after September 30, 2002, cannot be made effective earlier than the date the regulatory presumption was established; and to clarify that the presumption of herbicide exposure provided by 38 U.S.C. section 1116(f) applies only to veterans who served in Vietnam on land or on Vietnam's inland waterways and not to those who served only in waters offshore or in airspace above.
Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (by request) (introduced 9/6/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/6/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

75. [S.2027](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, chapter 5, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and promote programs and activities honoring veterans and to authorize the next of kin of a deceased veteran to wear the veteran's awards and decorations under certain circumstances.
Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (by request) (introduced 9/6/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 9/6/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

76. [S.2090](#): A bill to protect privacy and security concerns in court records.
Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (by request) (introduced 9/25/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 9/25/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

77. [S.2091](#): A bill to increase the number of the court's active judges.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (by request) (introduced 9/25/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 9/25/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

78. [S.2138](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs the position of Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (by request) (introduced 10/4/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/4/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

79. [S.2139](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, provide educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the National Guard and Reserve who serve extended period of continuous active duty that include a prolonged period of service in certain theaters of operation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Klobuchar, Amy](#) [MN] (introduced 10/4/2007) **Cosponsors** (5)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/4/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

80. [S.2142](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse veterans receiving emergency treatment in non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for such treatment until such veterans are transferred to Department facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Brown, Sherrod](#) [OH] (introduced 10/4/2007) **Cosponsors** (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Senate Reports: [110-263](#)

Latest Major Action: 2/25/2008 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 579.

81. [S.2160](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a pain care initiative in health care facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 10/15/2007) **Cosponsors** (6)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Senate Reports: [110-267](#)

Latest Major Action: 2/28/2008 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar

82. [S.2162](#): A bill to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 10/15/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (12)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs; House Veterans' Affairs

Senate Reports: [110-281](#)

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 110-387 [**GPO:** [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

83. [S.2273](#): A bill to enhance the functioning and integration of formerly homeless veterans who reside in permanent housing, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (by request) (introduced 10/31/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 10/31/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

84. [S.2309](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the service treatable as service engaged in combat with the enemy for utilization of non-official evidence for proof of service-connection in a combat-related disease or injury.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 11/6/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/6/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

85. [S.2339](#): A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic in Alpena, Michigan, as the "Lieutenant Colonel Clement C. Van Wagoner Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic".

Sponsor: [Sen Stabenow, Debbie](#) [MI] (introduced 11/13/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs; House Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 110-332 [**GPO:** [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

86. [S.2377](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the quality of care provided to veterans in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, to encourage highly qualified doctors to serve in hard-to-fill positions in such medical facilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Durbin, Richard](#) [IL] (introduced 11/16/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/16/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

87. [S.2383](#): A bill to require a pilot program on the mobile provision of care and services for veterans in rural areas by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Klobuchar, Amy](#) [MN] (introduced 11/16/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 11/16/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

88. [S.2471](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enforcement of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Kennedy, Edward M.](#) [MA] (introduced 12/13/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 12/13/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

89. [S.2536](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain debts to the United States in the case of veterans who die as a result of a service-connected disability incurred or aggravated on active duty in a combat zone, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Hutchison, Kay Bailey](#) [TX] (introduced 1/22/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

90. [S.2550](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain debts owed to the United States by members of the Armed Forces and veterans who die as a result of an injury incurred or aggravated on active duty in a combat zone, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Hutchison, Kay Bailey](#) [TX] (introduced 1/23/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (20)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/23/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

91. [S.2573](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a program of mental health care and rehabilitation for veterans for service-related post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety disorder, or a related substance use disorder, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Burr, Richard](#) [NC] (introduced 1/30/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 1/30/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

92. [S.2617](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify increases in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans that were effective as of December 1, 2007, to provide for an increase in the rates of such compensation effective December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 2/8/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (11)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Senate Reports: [110-430](#)

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 110-324 [GPO: [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

93. [S.2639](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an assured adequate level of funding for veterans health care.

Sponsor: [Sen Johnson, Tim](#) [SD] (introduced 2/14/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (10)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/14/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

94. [S.2640](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance and improve insurance, housing, labor and education, and other benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Burr, Richard](#) [NC] (introduced 2/14/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (5)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/14/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

95. [S.2658](#): A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend from 90 days to one year the period after release of a member from the Armed Forces from active duty during which the member is protected from mortgage foreclosure.

Sponsor: [Sen Kerry, John F.](#) [MA] (introduced 2/25/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 2/25/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

96. [S.2674](#): A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance procedures for the retirement of members of the Armed Forces for disability and to improve and enhance authorities for the rating and compensation of service-connected disabilities in veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Burr, Richard](#) [NC] (introduced 2/28/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/7/2008 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

97. [S.2683](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify certain authorities relating to educational assistance benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 3/3/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/3/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

98. [S.2690](#): A bill to authorize the placement in Arlington National Cemetery of an American Braille tactile flag in Arlington National Cemetery honoring blind members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and

other Americans.

Sponsor: [Sen Brownback, Sam](#) [KS] (introduced 3/4/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (4)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/4/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

99. [S.2701](#): A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery in the eastern Nebraska region to serve veterans in the eastern Nebraska and western Iowa regions.

Sponsor: [Sen Nelson, E. Benjamin](#) [NE] (introduced 3/4/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/4/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

100. [S.2737](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to grant jurisdiction to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to review compliance of the schedule of ratings for disabilities under section 1151 of that title with statutory requirements applicable to entitlement to disability compensation under chapter 11 of that title, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 3/10/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/10/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

101. [S.2764](#): A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to enhance protections for servicemembers relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Kerry, John F.](#) [MA] (introduced 3/13/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Armed Services; Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/3/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

102. [S.2768](#): A bill to provide a temporary increase in the maximum loan guaranty amount for certain housing loans guaranteed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 3/13/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (16)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 3/13/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

103. [S.2796](#): A bill to require a pilot program on the use of community-based organizations to ensure that veterans receive the care and benefits they need, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 4/2/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/2/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

104. [S.2797](#): A bill to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2009, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 4/2/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/2/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

105. [S.2799](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Murray, Patty](#) [WA] (introduced 4/2/2008) **Cosponsors** (16)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/2/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

106. [S.2824](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Rockefeller, John D., IV](#) [WV] (introduced 4/7/2008) **Cosponsors** (3)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/7/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

107. [S.2825](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a minimum disability rating for veterans receiving medical treatment for a service-connected disability.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 4/7/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/7/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

108. [S.2864](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include improvement in quality of life in the objectives of training and rehabilitation for veterans with service-connected disabilities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 4/15/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/15/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

109. [S.2870](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out quality assurance activities with respect to the administration of disability compensation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Brown, Sherrod](#) [OH] (introduced 4/16/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/16/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

110. [S.2889](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve veterans' health care benefits, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (by request) (introduced 4/17/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/17/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

111. [S.2899](#): A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on suicides among veterans.
Sponsor: [Sen Harkin, Tom](#) [IA] (introduced 4/22/2008) **Cosponsors** (10)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/22/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

112. [S.2921](#): A bill to require pilot programs on training and certification for family caregiver personal care attendants for veterans and members of the Armed Forces with traumatic brain injury, to require a pilot program on provision of respite care to such veterans and members, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: [Sen Clinton, Hillary Rodham](#) [NY] (introduced 4/28/2008) **Cosponsors** (3)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/28/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

113. [S.2926](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and update provisions of law relating to nonprofit research and education corporations, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 4/28/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/28/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

114. [S.2934](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide a plot allowance for spouses and children of certain veterans who are buried in State cemeteries.
Sponsor: [Sen Menendez, Robert](#) [NJ] (introduced 4/29/2008) **Cosponsors** (3)
Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs
Latest Major Action: 4/29/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

115. [S.2937](#): A bill to provide permanent treatment authority for participants in Department of Defense chemical and biological testing conducted by Deseret Test Center and an expanded study of the health impact of Project Shipboard Hazard and Defense, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Tester, Jon](#) [MT] (introduced 4/29/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/29/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

116. [S.2938](#): A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces and veterans in order to enhance recruitment and retention for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Graham, Lindsey](#) [SC] (introduced 4/29/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (24)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/29/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

117. [S.2946](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make a stillborn child an insurable dependent for purposes for the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Vitter, David](#) [LA] (introduced 4/30/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 4/30/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

118. [S.2951](#): A bill to require reports on the progress of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in addressing causes for variances in compensation payments for veterans for service-connected disabilities.

Sponsor: [Sen Baucus, Max](#) [MT] (introduced 5/1/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/1/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

119. [S.2961](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the refinancing of home loans by veterans.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 5/1/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/1/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

120. [S.2963](#): A bill to improve and enhance the mental health care benefits available to members of the Armed Forces and veterans, to enhance counseling and other benefits available to survivors of members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Bond, Christopher S.](#) [MO] (introduced 5/1/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (10)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/1/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

121. [S.2965](#): A bill to require a report on the inclusion of severe and acute Post Traumatic Stress Disorder among the conditions covered by traumatic injury protection coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

Sponsor: [Sen Boxer, Barbara](#) [CA] (introduced 5/1/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/1/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

122. [S.2969](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 5/1/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Senate Reports: [110-473](#)

Latest Major Action: 9/18/2008 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1034.

123. [S.2981](#): A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide a one-year period of protection against mortgage foreclosures for certain disabled or severely injured servicemembers, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Casey, Robert P., Jr.](#) [PA] (introduced 5/6/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/6/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

124. [S.2984](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance veterans' benefits, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (by request) (introduced 5/6/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/6/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

125. [S.2992](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance housing loan authorities for veterans and to otherwise assist veterans and members of the Armed Forces in avoiding the foreclosure of their homes, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Clinton, Hillary Rodham](#) [NY] (introduced 5/7/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/7/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

126. [S.3000](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to include Federally recognized tribal organizations in certain grant programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the several States and territories, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 5/8/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/8/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

127. [S.3008](#): A bill to improve and enhance the mental health care benefits available to members of the Armed Forces and veterans, to enhance counseling and other benefits available to survivors of members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Bond, Christopher S.](#) [MO] (introduced 5/12/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (15)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/12/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

128. [S.3023](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance compensation and pension, housing, labor and education, and insurance benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 5/15/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Senate Reports: [110-449](#)

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 110-389 [**GPO:** [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

129. [S.3030](#): A bill to amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the conveyance to the United States of certain non-Federal land to be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the construction of a veterans medical facility.

Sponsor: [Sen Allard, Wayne](#) [CO] (introduced 5/19/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 5/19/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

130. [S.3087](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the home loan guaranty programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Snowe, Olympia J.](#) [ME] (introduced 6/5/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/5/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

131. [S.3161](#): A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs spinal cord injury center in Tampa, Florida, as the "Michael Bilirakis Department of Veterans Affairs Spinal Cord Injury Center".

Sponsor: [Sen Martinez, Mel](#) [FL] (introduced 6/19/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/19/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

132. [S.3167](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which veterans, their surviving spouses, and their children may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Burr, Richard](#) [NC] (introduced 6/19/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (19)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/19/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

133. [S.3178](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize dental insurance for veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Burr, Richard](#) [NC] (introduced 6/23/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/23/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

134. [S.3216](#): A bill to provide for the introduction of pay-for-performance compensation mechanisms into contracts of the Department of Veterans Affairs with community-based outpatient clinics for the provision of health care services, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen McConnell, Mitch](#) [KY] (introduced 6/26/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 6/26/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

135. [S.3299](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the demonstration project on adjustable rate mortgages and the demonstration project on hybrid adjustable rate mortgages.

Sponsor: [Sen Ensign, John](#) [NV] (introduced 7/22/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (5)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/22/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

136. [S.3307](#): A bill to provide veterans with individualized notice about available benefits, to streamline application processes for the benefits, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Clinton, Hillary Rodham](#) [NY] (introduced 7/22/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/22/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

137. [S.3332](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide comprehensive health care to children of Vietnam veterans born with Spina Bifida, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Bayh, Evan](#) [IN] (introduced 7/24/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/24/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

138. [S.3339](#): An original bill to amend chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code, to clarify and improve authorities relating to the availability of post-9/11 veterans educational assistance, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 7/26/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Senate Reports: [110-433](#)

Latest Major Action: 7/26/2008 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 902.

139. [S.3374](#): A bill to establish a commission on veterans and members of the Armed Forces with post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, or other mental health disorders, to enhance the capacity of mental health providers to assist such veterans and members, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Smith, Gordon H.](#) [OR] (introduced 7/31/2008) **Cosponsors** (1)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/31/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

140. [S.3376](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to the Paralympic Program of the United States Olympic Committee, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Salazar, Ken](#) [CO] (introduced 7/31/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/31/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

141. [S.3388](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the assignment of pre-stabilization disability ratings to certain veterans for purposes of the payment of disability compensation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Barrasso, John](#) [WY] (introduced 7/31/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/31/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

142. [S.3400](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the educational assistance available under post-9/11 veterans educational assistance, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Alexander, Lamar](#) [TN] (introduced 7/31/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 7/31/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

143. [S.3419](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modernize the disability benefits claims processing system of the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure the accurate and timely delivery of compensation to veterans and their families and survivors, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Clinton, Hillary Rodham](#) [NY] (introduced 8/1/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 8/1/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

144. [S.3432](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enforcement of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Casey, Robert P., Jr.](#) [PA] (introduced 8/1/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 8/1/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

145. [S.3527](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority.

Sponsor: [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 9/18/2008) [Cosponsors](#) (11)

Committees: Senate Veterans' Affairs

Latest Major Action: 9/18/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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