

# VETERAN LEGISLATION

**26 February 2009**

Of the 1204 House and 474 Senate pieces of legislation introduced in the 111th Congress to date by your legislators, the following 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. Any number of members may cosponsor a bill in the House or Senate. Note that on the bills listed below the number of cosponsors indicated is the number that appeared when I picked this bill up to add to this listing. For current cosponsor status refer to <http://thomas.loc.gov>. Also, at <http://thomas.loc.gov> you can review a copy of each bill's text, determine its current status, the committee it has been assigned to, 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, and if your legislator is a sponsor or cosponsor of it. To separately determine what bills, amendments your representative has sponsored, cosponsored, or dropped sponsorship on refer to <http://thomas.loc.gov/bss/d111/sponlst.html>. To review a numerical list of all bills introduced refer to <http://thomas.loc.gov/bss/111search.html>. The key to increasing cosponsorship is letting our senators know of veterans feelings on issues.

**House**

**H.R.23**: To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

**Sponsor**: [Rep Filner, Bob](#) [CA-51] (introduced 1/6/2009)    [Cosponsors](#) (28)

**Committees**: House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action**: 1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**H.R.32**: To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor**: [Rep McIntyre, Mike](#) [NC-7] (introduced 1/6/2009)    [Cosponsors](#) (3)

**Committees**: House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action**: 1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.65](#) : To recognize the extraordinary performance of the Armed Forces in achieving the military objectives of the United States in Iraq, to encourage the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe a national day of celebration commemorating military success in Iraq, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Jackson-Lee, Sheila](#) [TX-18] (introduced 1/6/2009)    **Cosponsors** (None)

**Committees:** House Armed Services; House Foreign Affairs; House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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[H.R.84](#) : To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish standards of access to care for veterans seeking health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Brown-Waite, Ginny](#) [FL-5] (introduced 1/6/2009)    **Cosponsors** (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.108](#) : To amend title 10, United States Code, to extend military commissary and exchange store privileges to veterans with a compensable service-connected disability and to their dependents.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Fortenberry, Jeff](#) [NE-1] (introduced 1/6/2009)    **Cosponsors** (1)

**Committees:** House Armed Services

**Latest Major Action:** 1/30/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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[H.R.114](#) : To allow veterans to elect to use, with the approval of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, certain financial educational assistance to establish and operate certain business, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Fortenberry, Jeff](#) [NE-1] (introduced 1/6/2009)    **Cosponsors** (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.147](#) : To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their income tax payment to provide assistance to homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Israel, Steve](#) [NY-2] (introduced 1/6/2009)    **Cosponsors** (41)

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

**Latest Major Action:** 1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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[H.R.174](#) : To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the

southern Colorado region.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Salazar, John T.](#) [CO-3] (introduced 1/6/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (5)

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

**Latest Major Action:** 1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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**H.R.190:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service hospital of the Veterans Health Administration in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Shea-Porter, Carol](#) [NH-1] (introduced 1/6/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**H.R.210:** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the acquisition of a parcel of land adjacent to Beaufort National Cemetery, Beaufort, South Carolina.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Wilson, Joe](#) [SC-2] (introduced 1/6/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**H.R.217:** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to acquire a parcel of land adjacent to Beaufort National Cemetery, Beaufort, South Carolina.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Wilson, Joe](#) [SC-2] (introduced 1/6/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

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

**Latest Major Action:** 1/6/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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**H.R.228:** 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:** [Rep Jackson-Lee, Sheila](#) [TX-18] (introduced 1/7/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/7/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**H.R.247:** To amend section 1369 of title 18, United States Code, to extend Federal jurisdiction over destruction of veterans' memorials on State or local government property.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Green, Gene](#) [TX-29] (introduced 1/7/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Committees:** House Judiciary

**Latest Major Action:** 2/9/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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[H.R.292](#): To improve energy and water efficiencies and conservation throughout the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Buyer, Steve](#) [IN-4] (introduced 1/8/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (14)

**Committees:** House Science and Technology; House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/8/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Science and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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[H.R.293](#): To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Labor to carry out a grant program to provide reintegration services through programs and facilities that emphasize services for homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Buyer, Steve](#) [IN-4] (introduced 1/8/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (9)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/8/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.294](#): To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the reauthorization of the Department of Veterans Affairs small business loan program, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Buyer, Steve](#) [IN-4] (introduced 1/8/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (12)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/8/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.295](#): To authorize appropriations for the veterans' workforce investment programs.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Buyer, Steve](#) [IN-4] (introduced 1/8/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (9)

**Committees:** House Education and Labor

**Latest Major Action:** 1/8/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

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[H.R.296](#): To amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the process by which a member of the Armed Forces is retired for disability and becomes eligible for retirement pay, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Buyer, Steve](#) [IN-4] (introduced 1/8/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (6)

**Committees:** House Armed Services

**Latest Major Action:** 1/30/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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[H.R.297](#): To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of subsistence

allowance payable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans participating in vocational rehabilitation programs, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Buyer, Steve](#) [IN-4] (introduced 1/8/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (6)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/8/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**H.R.303** : To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation and to eliminate the phase-in period under current law with respect to such concurrent receipt.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Bilirakis, Gus M.](#) [FL-9] (introduced 1/8/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (15)

**Committees:** House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/30/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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

**Sponsor:** [Rep Marshall, Jim](#) [GA-8] (introduced 1/8/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (40)

**Committees:** House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/6/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.341** : To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to suspend the running of periods of limitation for credit or refund of overpayment of Federal income tax by veterans while their service-connected compensation determinations are pending with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Platts, Todd Russell](#) [PA-19] (introduced 1/8/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Committees:** House Ways and Means

**Latest Major Action:** 1/8/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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**H.R.394** : To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the amount of the Medal of Honor special pension provided under that title by up to \$1,000.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Brown, Henry E., Jr.](#) [SC-1] (introduced 1/9/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/9/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**H R 402** : To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Knoxville, Tennessee, as

the "William C. Tallent Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

**Sponsor:** [Rep Duncan, John J., Jr.](#) [TN-2] (introduced 1/9/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (8)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/9/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.403](#): To provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Green, Al](#) [TX-9] (introduced 1/9/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** House Financial Services; House Ways and Means

**Latest Major Action:** 1/9/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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[H.R.423](#): To provide compensation for certain World War II veterans who survived the Bataan Death March and were held as prisoners of war by the Japanese.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Mica, John L.](#) [FL-7] (introduced 1/9/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Committees:** House Armed Services

**Latest Major Action:** 2/6/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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[H.R.442](#): To provide an amnesty period during which veterans and their family members can register certain firearms in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Rehberg, Denny](#) [MT] (introduced 1/9/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (19)

**Committees:** House Judiciary; House Ways and Means

**Latest Major Action:** 2/9/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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[H.R.449](#): To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the availability of health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs by adjusting the income level for certain priority veterans.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Sestak, Joe](#) [PA-7] (introduced 1/9/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/9/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.456](#): To amend the Small Business Act to make service-disabled veterans eligible under the 8(a) business development program.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Wittman, Robert J.](#) [VA-1] (introduced 1/9/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Committees:** House Small Business

**Latest Major Action:** 1/9/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

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[H.R.466](#): To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit discrimination and acts of reprisal against persons who receive treatment for illnesses, injuries, and disabilities incurred in or aggravated by service in the uniformed services.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Doggett, Lloyd](#) [TX-25] (introduced 1/13/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (6)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/13/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.482](#): To authorize the rededication of the District of Columbia War Memorial as a National and District of Columbia World War I Memorial to honor the sacrifices made by American veterans of World War I.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Poe, Ted](#) [TX-2] (introduced 1/13/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (16)

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 2/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

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[H.R.568](#): 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:** [Rep Costello, Jerry F.](#) [IL-12] (introduced 1/15/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

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

**Latest Major Action:** 1/15/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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[H.R.584](#): To provide for coverage of hormone replacement therapy for treatment of menopausal symptoms, and for coverage of an alternative therapy for hormone replacement therapy for such symptoms, under the Medicare and Medicaid Programs, group health plans and individual health insurance coverage, and other Federal health insurance programs.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Lee, Barbara](#) [CA-9] (introduced 1/15/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Committees:** House Energy and Commerce; House Ways and Means; House Education and Labor; House Oversight and Government Reform; House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/15/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and Labor, Oversight and Government Reform, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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[H.R.593](#): To amend title 10, United States Code, to expand the authorized concurrent receipt of disability severance pay from the Department of Defense and compensation for the same disability under any law administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs to cover all veterans who have a combat-related disability, as defined under section 1413a of such title.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Smith, Adam](#) [WA-9] (introduced 1/15/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (32)

**Committees:** House Armed Services

**Latest Major Action:** 2/6/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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[H.R.612](#): To amend section 1922A of title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of supplemental insurance available for totally disabled veterans.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Jones, Walter B., Jr.](#) [NC-3] (introduced 1/21/2009)    **Cosponsors** (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/21/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.620](#): To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an increased work opportunity credit with respect to recent veterans.

**Sponsor:** [Rep King, Peter T.](#) [NY-3] (introduced 1/21/2009)    **Cosponsors** (9)

**Committees:** House Ways and Means

**Latest Major Action:** 1/21/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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[H.R.667](#): To improve the diagnosis and treatment of traumatic brain injury in members and former members of the Armed Forces, to review and expand telehealth and telemental health programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Salazar, John T.](#) [CO-3] (introduced 1/23/2009)    **Cosponsors** (26)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

**Latest Major Action:** 2/6/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**668.** [H.R.668](#): To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide flexibility in the manner in which beds are counted for purposes of determining whether a hospital may be designated as a critical access hospital under the Medicare Program and to exempt from the critical access hospital inpatient bed limitation the number of beds provided for certain veterans.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Walden, Greg](#) [OR-2] (introduced 1/23/2009)    **Cosponsors** (2)

**Committees:** House Ways and Means

**Latest Major Action:** 1/23/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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**671.** [H.R.671](#): To direct the Secretary of Defense to issue a medal to certain veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam War as a direct result of that service.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Filner, Bob](#) [CA-51] (introduced 1/26/2009)    **Cosponsors** (3)

**Committees:** House Armed Services

**Latest Major Action:** 2/6/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**731. [H.R.731](#)** : To amend title 38, United States Code, to exclude individuals who have been convicted of committing certain sex offenses from receiving certain burial-related benefits and funeral honors which are otherwise available to certain veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and related individuals, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Shadegg, John B.](#) [AZ-3] (introduced 1/27/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (13)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/27/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**746. [H.R.746](#)** : To provide for economic recovery payments to recipients of Social Security, railroad retirement, and veterans disability benefits.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Adler, John H.](#) [NJ-3] (introduced 1/28/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (8)

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

**Latest Major Action:** 1/28/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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**761. [H.R.761](#)** : To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Frank, Barney](#) [MA-4] (introduced 1/28/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/28/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**[H.R.775](#)** : To repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans dependency and indemnity compensation.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Ortiz, Solomon P.](#) [TX-27] (introduced 1/28/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (135)

**Committees:** House Armed Services

**Latest Major Action:** 2/17/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**[H.R.784](#)** : To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress quarterly reports on vacancies in mental health professional positions in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Tsongas, Niki](#) [MA-5] (introduced 1/28/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/28/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**[H.R.785](#)** : To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide outreach and training to certain college and university mental health centers relating to the mental health of veterans of

Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Tsongas, Niki](#) [MA-5] (introduced 1/28/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/28/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**H.R.809:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce from age 57 to age 55 the age after which the remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Bilirakis, Gus M.](#) [FL-9] (introduced 2/3/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/3/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**H.R.811:** To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Bilirakis, Gus M.](#) [FL-9] (introduced 2/3/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Committees:** House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/24/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.819:** 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.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Holden, Tim](#) [PA-17] (introduced 2/3/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (14)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/3/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**H.R.840:** To reduce sexual assault and domestic violence involving members of the Armed Forces and their family members and partners through enhanced programs of prevention and deterrence, enhanced programs of victims services, and strengthened provisions for prosecution of assailants, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Slaughter, Louise McIntosh](#) [NY-28] (introduced 2/3/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (28)

**Committees:** House Armed Services; House Judiciary; House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/24/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

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**H.R.919:** 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:** [Rep Johnson, Eddie Bernice](#) [TX-30] (introduced 2/9/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/9/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.929](#): To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program of training to provide eligible veterans with skills relevant to the job market, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Welch, Peter](#) [VT] (introduced 2/9/2009) **Cosponsors** (1)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/9/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.931](#): To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the work opportunity credit with respect to certain unemployed veterans.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Nye, Glenn C., III](#) [VA-2] (introduced 2/10/2009) **Cosponsors** (None)

**Committees:** House Ways and Means

**Latest Major Action:** 2/10/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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[H.R.942](#): To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a pilot project on the use of educational assistance under programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs to defray training costs associated with the purchase of certain franchise enterprises.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Alexander, Rodney](#) [LA-5] (introduced 2/10/2009) **Cosponsors** (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

**Latest Major Action:** 2/10/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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[H.R.944](#): To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Bilirakis, Gus M.](#) [FL-9] (introduced 2/10/2009) **Cosponsors** (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/10/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.949](#): 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:** [Rep Filner, Bob](#) [CA-51] (introduced 2/10/2009) **Cosponsors** (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/10/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.950](#): To amend chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code, to increase educational assistance for certain veterans pursuing a program of education offered through distance learning.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Filner, Bob](#) [CA-51] (introduced 2/10/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/10/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.952](#): To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of "combat with the enemy" for purposes of service-connection of disabilities.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Hall, John J.](#) [NY-19] (introduced 2/10/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (17)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/10/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.953](#): To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a deduction for travel expenses to medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with examinations or treatments relating to service-connected disabilities.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Heller, Dean](#) [NV-2] (introduced 2/10/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** House Ways and Means

**Latest Major Action:** 2/10/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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[H.R.954](#): To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that a monthly insurance benefit thereunder shall be paid for the month in which the recipient dies, subject to a reduction of 50 percent if the recipient dies during the first 15 days of such month, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Holden, Tim](#) [PA-17] (introduced 2/10/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** House Ways and Means

**Latest Major Action:** 2/10/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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[H.R.1004](#): To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide an enhanced funding process to ensure an adequate level of funding for veterans health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish standards of access to care for veterans seeking health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Smith, Christopher H.](#) [NJ-4] (introduced 2/11/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/11/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.1016](#): To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide advance appropriations authority for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs. and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Filner, Bob](#) [CA-51] (introduced 2/12/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (20)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/12/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**H.R.1017:** To amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 and title 38, United States Code, to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and to expand access to such care and services.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Filner, Bob](#) [CA-51] (introduced 2/12/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/12/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**H.R.1036:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physical Therapy Service within the Veterans Health Administration and to establish a fellowship program for physical therapists in the areas of geriatrics, amputee rehabilitation, polytrauma care, and rehabilitation research.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Herseith Sandlin, Stephanie](#) [SD] (introduced 2/12/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (4)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/12/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**H.R.1037:** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a five-year pilot project to test the feasibility and advisability of expanding the scope of certain qualifying work-study activities under title 38, United States Code.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Herseith Sandlin, Stephanie](#) [SD] (introduced 2/12/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/12/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**H.R.1042:** To prohibit the provision of medical treatment to enemy combatants detained by the United States at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in the same facility as a member of the Armed Forces or Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Miller, Jeff](#) [FL-1] (introduced 2/12/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (7)

**Committees:** House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/12/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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**H.R.1075:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand access to hospital care for veterans in major disaster areas, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Scalise, Steve](#) [LA-1] (introduced 2/13/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (8)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/13/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.1088](#): To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a one-year period for the training of new disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives by National Veterans' Employment and Training Services Institute.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie](#) [SD] (introduced 2/13/2009)    **Cosponsors** (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/13/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.1089](#): To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the enforcement through the Office of Special Counsel of the employment and unemployment rights of veterans and members of the Armed Forces employed by Federal executive agencies, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie](#) [SD] (introduced 2/13/2009)    **Cosponsors** (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/13/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.1098](#): To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational assistance payable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certain individuals pursuing internships or on-job training.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Perriello, Thomas S.P.](#) [VA-5] (introduced 2/13/2009)    **Cosponsors** (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

**Latest Major Action:** 2/13/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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[H.R.1106](#): To prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Conyers, John, Jr.](#) [MI-14] (introduced 2/23/2009)    **Cosponsors** (24)

**Committees:** House Financial Services; House Judiciary; House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/25/2009 Rules Committee Resolution [H. Res. 190](#) Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of [H.R. 1106](#) with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. The resolution waives all points of order against the bill except those arising under clause 9 of rule XXI.

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[H.R.1114](#): To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a process for determining whether a geographic area is sufficiently served by the national cemeteries located in that geographic area.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Rehberg, Denny](#) [MT] (introduced 2/23/2009)    **Cosponsors** (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/23/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee

on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.1163](#): To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery in the Sarpy County region to serve veterans in eastern Nebraska, western Iowa, and northwest Missouri.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Terry, Lee](#) [NE-2] (introduced 2/24/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

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

**Latest Major Action:** 2/24/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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[H.R.1168](#): To amend chapter 42 of title 38, United States Code, to provide certain veterans with employment training assistance.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Boozman, John](#) [AR-3] (introduced 2/25/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/25/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.1169](#): To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disabled veterans for specially adapted housing and automobiles and adapted equipment.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Boozman, John](#) [AR-3] (introduced 2/25/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/25/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.1170](#): To amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Boozman, John](#) [AR-3] (introduced 2/25/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/25/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.1171](#): To amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program for fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Boozman, John](#) [AR-3] (introduced 2/25/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/25/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.1172](#): To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet website of the Department

of Veterans Affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Boozman, John](#) [AR-3] (introduced 2/25/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/25/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.1182](#): To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Carter, John R.](#) [TX-31] (introduced 2/25/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (15)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/25/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[H.R.1197](#): To assign a higher priority status for hospital care and medical services provided through the Department of Veterans Affairs to certain veterans who are recipients of the medal of honor.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Mitchell, Harry E.](#) [AZ-5] (introduced 2/25/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (7)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/25/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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## Senate

[S.68](#): 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 1/6/2009) **Cosponsors** (None)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/6/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[S.226](#): A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Havre, Montana, as the Merrill Lundman Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Tester, Jon](#) [MT] (introduced 1/13/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/13/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[S.239](#): A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service hospital of the Veterans Health Administration in the State or receive comparable services provided by contract in the State.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Shaheen, Jeanne](#) [NH] (introduced 1/14/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/14/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[S.246](#): 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 1/14/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/14/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[S.252](#): 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, to improve the provision of health care veterans, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 1/15/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (5)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/15/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[S.263](#): 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 1/15/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/15/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[S.274](#): A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an incentive to hire unemployed veterans.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Baucus, Max](#) [MT] (introduced 1/16/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** Senate Finance

**Latest Major Action:** 1/16/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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[S.307](#): A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide flexibility in the manner in which beds are counted for purposes of determining whether a hospital may be designated as a critical access hospital under the Medicare program and to exempt from the critical access hospital inpatient bed limitation the number of beds provided for certain veterans.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Wyden, Ron](#) [OR] (introduced 1/22/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** Senate Finance

**Latest Major Action:** 1/22/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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[S.315](#) : 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 1/26/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/26/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[S.347](#) : A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to distinguish between the severity of a qualifying loss of a dominant hand and a qualifying loss of a non-dominant hand for purposes of traumatic injury protection under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Ensign, John](#) [NV] (introduced 1/29/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/29/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[S.362](#) : 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 1/30/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (4)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 1/30/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[S.402](#) : A bill to improve the lives of our Nation's veterans and their families and provide them with the opportunity to achieve the American dream.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Snowe, Olympia J.](#) [ME] (introduced 2/10/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (4)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/10/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[S.404](#) : A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 2/10/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/10/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[S.407](#) : A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2009, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 2/10/2009)    [Cosponsors](#) (15)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/10/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[S.423](#) : 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, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Akaka, Daniel K.](#) [HI] (introduced 2/12/2009)    [Cosponsors](#) (19)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/12/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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[S.475](#) : A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Burr, Richard](#) [NC] (introduced 2/25/2009)    [Cosponsors](#) (1)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/25/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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