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SBP Benefits Improvement Act of 2003

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]

Party: Democratic • State: LA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	R · NV		May 5, 2003
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Oct 14, 2003
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 24, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 13, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 13, 2003)

SBP Benefits Improvement Act of 2003 - Amends Federal provisions concerning the military Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) to adjust the basic SBP annuity amount for surviving spouses age 62 or over of former military personnel to: (1) 35 percent of the retired pay of the decedent, for months beginning on or before the enactment of this Act (current law); (2) 40 percent of such pay, for months beginning after such date and before October 2007; (3) 45 percent, for months beginning after September 2007; and (4) 55 percent, for months beginning after September 2013.

Adjusts similarly the authorized percentage amounts of SBP supplemental annuity authorized for such spouses.

Directs the Secretary of Defense to ensure appropriate adjustments in the computation of retired pay deductions for such supplemental annuities made necessary by this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 13, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 13, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2474-2475)
- **Feb 13, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2475)