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S 1272

Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2005

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 20, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 23	Identical bill	May 23, 2006: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Discharged.

Summary (as of Jun 20, 2005)

Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2005 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly benefit of \$1,000 to certain honorably-discharged veterans of the U.S. Merchant Marine who served between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946 (or to their survivors). Includes service in the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service. Exempts benefits paid under this Act from taxation.

Provides for benefits for World War II Merchant Mariners under title II (Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act.

Actions Timeline

- Jun 20, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Jun 20, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6831-6832)