HR 4183

Recognition of Forgotten Atomic Veterans and their Surviving Spouses Act of 2005

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 6, 2006
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 17, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 1, 2005)

Recognition of Forgotten Atomic Veterans and their Surviving Spouses Act of 2005 - Directs the Attorney General (AG) to: (1) obtain from files of the Operations Office of the Department of Energy in Nevada records showing the identity of all atomic veterans (those exposed to ionizing radiation or fallout from the atmospheric detonation of a nuclear device); (2) locate such veterans; and (3) advise them of the provisions of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, including the right to file a claim thereunder. Requires the AG, with respect to each identified veteran who is deceased, to locate and advise his or her surviving spouse of such Act and their right to file a claim. Directs the AG to assist each such veteran or surviving spouse in filing such a claim.

Expands the number of diseases considered service-connected when appearing in radiation-exposed veterans.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 6, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.
- **Nov 17, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Nov 1, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 1, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2240-2241)
- **Nov 1, 2005:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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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