

HR 327

Joshua Omvig Veterans Suicide Prevention Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 13, 2007
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Sep 28, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 479	Related bill	Sep 5, 2007: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S11097-11101)
110 HR 2219	Related bill	Jun 14, 2007: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on September 27, 2007. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Joshua Omvig Veterans Suicide Prevention Act - Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) suicide among veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a serious problem; and (2) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in developing and implementing the comprehensive program outlined in this Act, should take into consideration the special needs of such veterans and of elderly veterans who are at high risk for depression and experience high rates of suicide.

Directs the Secretary to develop and carry out a comprehensive program designed to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans. Requires the program to include: (1) mandatory training for appropriate staff and contractors of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) who interact with veterans; (2) mental health assessments of veterans; (3) designation of a suicide prevention counselor at each Department medical facility; (4) research on best practices for suicide prevention; (5) mental health care for veterans who have experienced sexual trauma while in military service; (6) 24-hour veterans' mental health care availability; (7) a toll-free hotline; and (8) outreach and education for veterans and their families.

Authorizes the Secretary to develop and carry a peer support counseling program as part of such program.

Requires the Secretary to report to Congress on the program.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 5, 2007:** Signed by President.
- **Nov 5, 2007:** Became Public Law No: 110-110.
- **Oct 24, 2007:** Presented to President.
- **Oct 23, 2007:** Mr. Filner moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment.
- **Oct 23, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 327.
- **Oct 23, 2007:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Oct 23, 2007:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays (2/3 required): 417 - 0 (Roll No. 987).
- **Oct 23, 2007:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays (2/3 required): 417 - 0 (Roll No. 987).
- **Oct 23, 2007:** Cleared for White House.
- **Sep 28, 2007:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 27, 2007:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S12315-12316)
- **Sep 27, 2007:** Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S12315-12316)
- **Sep 27, 2007:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.
- **Sep 27, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 27, 2007:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 22, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Mar 21, 2007:** Mr. Filner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 21, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2772-2778)
- **Mar 21, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 327.
- **Mar 21, 2007:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 21, 2007:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2785-2786)
- **Mar 21, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 423 - 0 (Roll no. 174).(text: CR H2772-2773)
- **Mar 21, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 423 - 0 (Roll no. 174). (text: CR H2772-2773)
- **Mar 21, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 21, 2007:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 20, 2007:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 110-55.
- **Mar 20, 2007:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 26.
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 13, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 13, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Mar 2, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 9, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.