

HR 4255

United States Olympic Committee Paralympic Program Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Dec 4, 2007

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Aug 1, 2008)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]

Party: Democratic • State: CA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (13 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1] | D · PA | | Dec 19, 2007 |
| Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2] | D · RI | | Dec 19, 2007 |
| Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1] | D · IL | | Jan 15, 2008 |
| Rep. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI-2] | D · WI | | Jun 11, 2008 |
| Rep. Boozman, John [R-AR-3] | R · AR | | Jun 11, 2008 |
| Rep. Hayes, Robin [R-NC-8] | R · NC | | Jun 11, 2008 |
| Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-11] | D · CA | | Jun 12, 2008 |
| Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6] | R · MI | | Jun 12, 2008 |
| Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7] | D · IN | | Jun 18, 2008 |
| Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7] | D · AZ | | Jun 18, 2008 |
| Rep. Hall, John J. [D-NY-19] | D · NY | | Jun 18, 2008 |
| Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7] | D · NC | | Jul 10, 2008 |
| Rep. Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4] | R · IN | | Jul 23, 2008 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House | Discharged from | Apr 30, 2008 |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House | Reported by | Jun 26, 2008 |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate | Referred To | Aug 1, 2008 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 110 S 3376 | Related bill | Jul 31, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. |

Summary (as of Jul 31, 2008)

United States Olympic Committee Paralympic Program Act of 2008 - Authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make a grant to the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) to plan, develop, manage, and implement the Paralympic Program (Program) for disabled veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces (members). Directs the USOC to use a grant to recruit, support, encourage, schedule, facilitate, supervise, and implement paralympic instruction and competition activities, training and technical assistance, and coordination and program development activities for such disabled veterans and members.

Requires: (1) the Secretary to conduct an outreach program to inform eligible veterans and separating members about the Program; and (2) a memorandum of understanding or cooperative agreement between the Secretary and the USOC regarding Program implementation.

Authorizes appropriations.

Establishes in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) an Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events, headed by a Director, to carry out qualifying programs and events for disabled veterans and members. Authorizes the Director to provide an allowance for a disabled veteran for each month in which the veteran is training or competing in a USOC-sanctioned event or residing at a USOC training center. Authorizes appropriations.

Requires the Secretary to direct the VA's Under Secretary for Health to: (1) make VA medical staff available to facilitate veteran participation in USOC sporting events; (2) allow such personnel to participate in the Program without requiring the use of personal leave; and (3) support other similar activities or events.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 1, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7707)
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR 7/29/2008 H7246-7247)
- **Jul 31, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR 7/29/2008 H7246-7247)
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Mr. Hare moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7246-7248)
- **Jul 29, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4255.
- **Jul 29, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Boozman objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Jul 24, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 110-774.
- **Jul 24, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 493.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 19, 2008:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 30, 2008:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Apr 30, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Dec 7, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 4, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 4, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2485)
- **Dec 4, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.