

## HR 1804

### Federal Retirement Reform Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (Apr 27, 2009)

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## Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Mar 31, 2009
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Mar 31, 2009
Rep. Skelton, Ike [D-MO-4]	D · MO		Mar 31, 2009
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Mar 31, 2009

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 27, 2009
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 31, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HRES 307	Procedurally related	Apr 1, 2009: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
111 HR 1263	Related bill	Mar 3, 2009: Referred to House Ways and Means
111 HR 1164	Related bill	Feb 24, 2009: Referred to House Administration

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)**

**Federal Retirement Reform Act of 2009 - Title I: Provisions Relating to Federal Employees Retirement - Subtitle A:**

**Thrift Savings Plan Enhancement** - Thrift Savings Plan Enhancement Act of 2009 - (Sec. 102) Requires the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board to provide for: (1) automatic enrollment in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) at a specified default percentage (between 2% and 5%) of basic pay of anyone appointed, transferred, or reappointed to a position in which that individual is eligible to contribute to TSP; (2) the inclusion in TSP of a qualified Roth contribution program; and (3) the addition of a self-directed investment window under TSP, if it would be in the best interests of participants, limited to low-cost, passively-managed index funds that offer diversification.

Authorizes the Secretary concerned, for members of the Armed Forces, to: (1) provide for delayed automatic enrollment; or (2) preclude or suspend the application of automatic enrollment.

(Sec. 105) Directs the Board, by June 30 of each year, to submit to Congress an annual report on TSP operations and make a copy available to the public through an Internet website. Requires the Board to include in periodic statements provided to participants the amount of fees or expenses paid with respect to each TSP investment fund and option.

(Sec. 106) Requires acknowledgement of risk by investors in investment funds or options, other than the Government Securities Investment Fund.

**Subtitle B: Other Retirement-Related Provisions** - (Sec. 111) Requires the total service of an employee who retires eligible for an annuity under the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) or who dies leaving a survivor entitled to benefits to include the employee's days of unused sick leave for annuity computation purposes (as is currently the case for employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System [CSRS]).

(Sec. 112) Exempts: (1) repayments of CSRS refunds made between October 1, 1990, and February 28, 1991, from the requirement that they include interest in order to receive retirement credit for the service covered; and (2) a federal employee's part-time service performed before April 7, 1986, from proration requirements for purposes of annuity computation under CSRS.

(Sec. 114) Directs the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress on the cost, and the effect on recruitment and retention, of providing a matching payment for TSP contributions by members of the Armed Forces.

(Sec. 115) Authorizes the repayment of refunds of retirement deductions under FERS in order to receive retirement credit for the service covered.

(Sec. 116) Entitles any individual who is treated as a federal employee under CSRS or FERS to have certain qualifying District of Columbia service included in calculating that individual's creditable federal service for specified purposes, including annuity eligibility.

**Title II: Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance for Surviving Spouses of Armed Forces Members** - (Sec. 201)

Increases the monthly indemnity allowance for surviving spouses of deceased members of the Armed Forces affected by the required survivor benefit plan annuity offset for dependency and indemnity compensation.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 27, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Apr 2, 2009:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 307, H.R. 1804 is laid on the table. (consideration: CR H4310)
- **Apr 1, 2009:** Mr. Towns moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 1, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4268-4275)
- **Apr 1, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1804.
- **Apr 1, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4268-4271)
- **Apr 1, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4268-4271)
- **Apr 1, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 31, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 31, 2009:** Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform
- **Mar 31, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.
- **Mar 31, 2009:** Referred to House Armed Services