

HR 23

Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2009

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jan 6, 2009

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. (May 13, 2009)

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Rep. Kanjorski, Paul E. [D-PA-11]	D · PA		Mar 31, 2009
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Rep. Cardoza, Dennis A. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Davis, Lincoln [D-TN-4]	D · TN		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Hare, Phil [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]	R · CA		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Massa, Eric J. J. [D-NY-29]	D · NY		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]	D · TX		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]	D · AR		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Apr 23, 2009
Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Apr 23, 2009
Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Apr 23, 2009
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Apr 23, 2009
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Apr 23, 2009
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Apr 23, 2009

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Rep. Sestak, Joe [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Apr 23, 2009
Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Apr 27, 2009
Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		Apr 27, 2009
Rep. Dreier, David [R-CA-26]	R · CA		Apr 27, 2009
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Apr 27, 2009
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Apr 27, 2009
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Apr 27, 2009
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Apr 27, 2009
Rep. Shuler, Heath [D-NC-11]	D · NC		Apr 27, 2009
Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Apr 30, 2009
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Apr 30, 2009
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Apr 30, 2009
Rep. Arcuri, Michael A. [D-NY-24]	D · NY		May 5, 2009
Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	R · SC		May 5, 2009
Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]	R · FL		May 5, 2009
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		May 5, 2009
Rep. Kagen, Steve [D-WI-8]	D · WI		May 5, 2009
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		May 5, 2009
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		May 5, 2009
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		May 5, 2009
Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]	R · NE		May 5, 2009
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Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		May 5, 2009
Rep. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV-2]	R · WV		May 6, 2009
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		May 6, 2009
Rep. Dent, Charles W. [R-PA-15]	R · PA		May 6, 2009
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		May 6, 2009
Rep. Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]	D · NY		May 6, 2009
Rep. Harman, Jane [D-CA-36]	D · CA		May 6, 2009
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		May 6, 2009
Rep. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT-5]	D · CT		May 6, 2009
Rep. Nye, Glenn C. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		May 6, 2009
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-16]	R · FL		May 6, 2009
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		May 6, 2009
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		May 6, 2009
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		May 6, 2009
Rep. Adler, John H. [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		May 7, 2009
Rep. Delahunt, Bill [D-MA-10]	D · MA		May 7, 2009
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-5]	R · IA		May 7, 2009
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		May 7, 2009
Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		May 7, 2009
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		May 7, 2009

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Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-12]	D · CA		May 7, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	May 1, 2009
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 13, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 663	Related bill	Apr 29, 2009: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 111-81.

Summary (as of May 12, 2009)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on May 7, 2009. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2009 - Establishes in the Treasury the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund for payments by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of a monthly benefit of \$1,000 to each individual who, between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, was a documented member of the U.S. merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) serving as a crewmember of a vessel that was operated in U.S. waters by the War Shipping Administration or the Office of Defense Transportation, serving the Armed Forces, and under contract to, or the property of, the United States. Requires such individuals to: (1) apply for such benefit within one year after the enactment of this Act; and (2) not have received benefits under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.

Authorizes appropriations.

Requires the Secretary to include, in annual budget documents submitted to Congress, detailed information on the Fund's operation.

Actions Timeline

- **May 13, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 12, 2009:** Mr. Filner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 12, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5422-5428)
- **May 12, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 23.
- **May 12, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5422-5423)
- **May 12, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5422-5423)
- **May 12, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 7, 2009:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 111-99.
- **May 7, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 45.
- **May 6, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 6, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 1, 2009:** Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Discharged.
- **Jan 9, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.