

## HR 570

American Heroes COLA Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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**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 22, 2013)

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Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]	R · PA		May 7, 2013
Rep. Loebssack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		May 7, 2013

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 25, 2013
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 22, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2258	Related bill	Sep 26, 2014: Became Public Law No: 113-181.
113 HR 4095	Related bill	Mar 7, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
113 HR 4096	Related bill	Mar 7, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
113 S 893	Related bill	Nov 21, 2013: Became Public Law No: 113-52.
113 HR 569	Related bill	Apr 25, 2013: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

## Summary (as of May 21, 2013)

American Heroes COLA Act - Requires that, whenever there is an increase in benefit amounts payable under title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) of the Social Security Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) shall increase by the same percentage the amounts payable as veterans' disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, the clothing allowance for certain disabled adult children, and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children, but only if such percentage increase is calculated using the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers.

Increases the rate of VA special monthly pay for severely injured veterans. Provides a temporary rate for such pay during the period beginning December 1, 2014, and ending September 30, 2018.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 22, 2013:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **May 21, 2013:** Mr. Miller (FL) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 21, 2013:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2815-2817)
- **May 21, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 570.
- **May 21, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2815)
- **May 21, 2013:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2815)
- **May 21, 2013:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 21, 2013:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **May 17, 2013:** Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 113-62.
- **May 17, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 37.
- **May 8, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 8, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 25, 2013:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 25, 2013:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 16, 2013:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 22, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Feb 6, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 6, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.