

S 1555

Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015

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Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Oct 6, 2015
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Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 5, 2016
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Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 21, 2016
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 21, 2016
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 22, 2016
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 29, 2016
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 29, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jul 14, 2016
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jul 14, 2016
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 14, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2737	Identical bill	Jun 11, 2015: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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.

Summary (as of Dec 14, 2016)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate passed version is repeated here.)

Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015

(Sec. 3) This bill defines "Filipino Veterans of World War II" to include an individual who served:

- honorably at any time from July 26, 1941, to December 31, 1946;
- in an active-duty status under the command of the U.S. Armed Forces in the Far East; and
- within the Philippine Commonwealth Army, the Philippine Scouts, the Philippine Constabulary, Recognized Guerrilla units, the New Philippine Scouts, the First Filipino Infantry Regiment, the Second Filipino Infantry Battalion (Separate), or the First Reconnaissance Battalion; or
- commanding or serving in such a unit as a U.S. military officer or enlisted soldier.

(Sec. 4) The President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make appropriate arrangements for the award of a single Congressional Gold Medal to the Filipino Veterans of World War II in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

The medal, following its award, shall be given to the Smithsonian Institution where it will be available for research and display.

It is the sense of Congress that the Smithsonian Institution should make the gold medal available for display elsewhere, particularly at other appropriate locations associated with the Filipino Veterans of World War II.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 14, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 14, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-265.
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 30, 2016:** Mr. Huizenga (MI) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Nov 30, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7020-7024)
- **Nov 30, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1555.
- **Nov 30, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text of measure as passed: CR H7020-7021)
- **Nov 30, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text of measure as passed: CR H7020-7021)
- **Nov 30, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5092-5094)
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5092-5094)
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S5092-5094)
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S5092-5094)
- **Jun 11, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 11, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.