

SCONRES 51

A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that those who served in the bays, harbors, and territorial seas of the Republic of Vietnam during the period beginning on January 9, 1962, and ending on May 7, 1975, should be presumed to have been exposed to the toxin Agent Orange and should be eligible for all related Federal benefits that come with such presumption under the Agent Orange Act of 1991.

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Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Sep 28, 2016
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Nov 16, 2016
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Dec 1, 2016
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Dec 9, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HCONRES 161	Identical bill	Sep 26, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

Recognizes that the intent of the Agent Orange Act of 1991 included the presumption that veterans who served in the Armed Forces in the bays, harbors, and territorial seas of the Republic of Vietnam between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, were exposed to Agent Orange.

Expresses the intent that such veterans who served in those areas and other areas exposed to Agent Orange who have been diagnosed with connected medical conditions should be equally recognized for such exposure through equitable benefits and coverage.

Calls on the Department of Veterans Affairs to acknowledge such intent, rescind specified parts of the VA Adjudication Procedure Manual M21-1 pertaining to developing claims based on herbicide exposure in Vietnam, and reissue guidance extending presumptive coverage for Agent Orange exposure to such veterans.

Actions Timeline

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