

## HR 491

Equal COLA Act

**Congress:** 119 (2025–2027, Current)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jan 16, 2025

**Current Status:** ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Walkinshaw asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be consider

**Latest Action:** ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Walkinshaw asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 491, a bill originally introduced by Representative Connolly, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection. (Sep 16, 2025)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/491>

### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]

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

**Cosponsors** (77 total)

<b>Cosponsor</b>	<b>Party / State</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Casar, Greg [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Davis, Donald G. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Frost, Maxwell [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-8]	D · CA		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Goldman, Daniel S. [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Hoyle, Val T. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. McClellan, Jennifer L. [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Mullin, Kevin [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Salinas, Andrea [D-OR-6]	D · OR		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Thanedar, Shri [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jan 16, 2025
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jan 16, 2025
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC]	D · DC		Jan 22, 2025
Rep. Deluzio, Christopher R. [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jan 22, 2025
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jan 22, 2025
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jan 22, 2025
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jan 22, 2025
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Jan 28, 2025
Rep. Budzinski, Nikki [D-IL-13]	D · IL		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Feb 10, 2025
Rep. Ivey, Glenn [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Feb 10, 2025
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Feb 10, 2025
Rep. Sykes, Emilia Strong [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Feb 10, 2025
Rep. Garcia, Robert [D-CA-42]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2025
Rep. McClain Delaney, April [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Feb 18, 2025

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Rep. Landsman, Greg [D-OH-1]	D · OH		Feb 24, 2025
Rep. Barragán, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2025
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Mar 14, 2025
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Mar 26, 2025
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Mar 31, 2025
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Mar 31, 2025
Rep. Foushee, Valerie P. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Apr 29, 2025
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Apr 29, 2025
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Apr 29, 2025
Rep. Ansari, Yassamin [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		May 14, 2025
Rep. Subramanyam, Suhas [D-VA-10]	D · VA		May 20, 2025
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		May 20, 2025
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Oct 31, 2025
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Oct 31, 2025
Rep. Pallone, Frank [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Oct 31, 2025
Rep. Randall, Emily [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Oct 31, 2025
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Dec 9, 2025
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Dec 17, 2025
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jan 8, 2026
Rep. Balint, Becca [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Feb 3, 2026
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-25]	D · FL		Feb 9, 2026
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Feb 10, 2026
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Feb 11, 2026
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Feb 24, 2026
Rep. Kennedy, Timothy M. [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Mar 3, 2026
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Mar 5, 2026
Rep. Van Orden, Derrick [R-WI-3]	R · WI		Mar 9, 2026
Rep. Moskowitz, Jared [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Mar 18, 2026
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Mar 24, 2026
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Mar 24, 2026
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Mar 26, 2026
Rep. Vindman, Eugene Simon [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Mar 26, 2026
Rep. Magaziner, Seth [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Mar 27, 2026
Rep. Olszewski, Johnny [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Apr 9, 2026
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Apr 9, 2026
Rep. Conaway, Herbert C. [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Apr 16, 2026

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2025

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 624	Identical bill	<b>Feb 18, 2025:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1011)

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### Summary (as of Jan 16, 2025)

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#### Equal COLA Act

This bill applies a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for annuities paid under the Federal Employees Retirement System that is equal to the increase in inflation, regardless of the amount of the increase.

Specifically, for any year in which the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has increased over the previous year, the COLA amount shall be increased by the change in the CPI from the previous year.

Current law applies an adjustment equal to the change in CPI only if the change is 2% or less. If the change is between 2% and 3%, the adjustment is limited to 2%. If the change is more than 3%, the adjustment is limited to 1% less than the change.







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