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FISCAL 2008 WAR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL (H.R. 2642)

- Introduced by Rep. Chet Edwards (D-Texas)
- Became Pub.L. 110-252 on June 30, 2008
- Included the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (H.R. 5740) introduced by Rep. Harry Mitchell (D-Ariz.)
- Companion bill (S. 22) to H.R. 5740 introduced by Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.)

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT (S. 2617)

- Introduced by Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii)
- Became Pub.L. 110-324 on Sept. 24, 2008
- Increases compensation rates for veterans with service-connected disabilities

VETERANS' BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT (S. 3023)

- Introduced by Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii)
- Passed in Senate on Sept. 16, 2008, amended by House on Sept. 24, received final Senate approval on Sept. 27, presented to the president
- Increases veterans' compensation and pensions, housing for disabled veterans, labor and education, and insurance benefits

HOMES FOR HEROES ACT (H.R. 3329)

- Introduced by Rep. Al Green (D-Texas), passed the House on July 9, 2008
- Housing assistance for low-income veterans
- Companion bill (S. 1084) introduced by Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.)

ADDITIONAL MEASURES APPROVED BY THE HOUSE

- Veteran Voting Support Act (H.R. 6625), introduced by Rep. Robert Brady (D-Pa.), passed the House on Sept. 17, 2008
- Filipino Veterans Equity Act (H.R. 6897), introduced by Rep. Bob Filner (D-Calif.), passed the House on Sept. 23, 2008