

Passed by V.V. (1)

An amendment offered by Mr. Wamp

Bill:

On page 34, line 17, after the dollar amount, insert, '(reduced by \$6,000,000)'

On page 35, line 18, strike, "\$109,367,000" and insert, "\$115,367,000"

Report:

At the appropriate place, insert:

The Committee includes an increase of \$6,000,000 above the budget request to allow the Office of Inspector General to focus on high priority needs, including, but not limited to, the quality of outsourced care; investigations to expose fiduciary, and procurement fraud; increase use of computer forensics; allow for timely investigations of alleged misconduct and allow the expansion of audit coverage of information technology systems development, acquisition, and implementation.

Passed by V.V. (2)

An amendment offered by Mr. Lewis

Report:

On page 58 in the appropriate place, insert the following:

“The Committee directs the Secretary of the Commission to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations, no later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, detailing the spending plan for expansion of the interactive program of the interpretive program.”

Passed by V.V. (3)

An amendment offered by Mr. Young

Report:

On page 60 at the appropriate place, insert the following:

“The analysis should include an assessment of whether TCMS has the capacity required for cemetery management as well as a list of all funds obligated to this program to date. The Department should also identify specific deliverable benchmarks which must be achieved in the TCMS development and implementation process. These benchmarks must be achieved before additional funds are to be obligated. If the benchmark deliverable dates are missed, the Committee must be notified within five days as to why the benchmark was not met. If three deliverable dates are missed, the program must be halted and reevaluated.”

Agreed to by V.V. (41)

**Amendment to Veterans Affairs and Military Construction Committee
Report, 2011**

Offered by Mr. Farr of California

On page 40 of the report, strike the sentence:

“The Committee commends the attention of the authorizing committee to this important issue as veterans legislation is developed this year”

And insert the following:

“The Committee directs the Department to assess the viability of increasing the plot allowance and burial benefits to cover the same percentage of veterans’ burial costs that they covered in 1973, when they were initiated.”

Passed by V.V.

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An amendment offered by Mr. Crenshaw

Bill:

On page 33, line 15, strike, "\$2,588,389,000" and insert, "\$2,602,000,000"

On page 33, line 25, strike, "\$2,148,766,000" and insert, "\$2,162,766,000"

On page 34, line 17, after the dollar amount, insert, "(reduced by \$14,000,000)"

Report:

At the appropriate place, insert:

The Committee does not concur with the budget request to reduce 306 Direct FTEs from the Education program, and provides \$14,000,000 to cover the cost of maintaining these FTEs in the Education program. The Committee notes that the VA is projecting a 31 percent workload increase from fiscal year 2009 to fiscal year 2011 due to the new Post-9/11 GI bill program. The Committee believes that Veterans would be better served by having a claims processing workforce that is adequately trained and experienced. The IG noted in a November 2009 report that the VBA had to pay \$4,300,000 in overtime to process education claims, and recommended that the VBA come up with a plan to reduce overtime or risk "employee burn out and diminishing returns".

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VOICE VOTE

Amendment Offered by Mr. Edwards

In the bill:

On page 34, line 17, after the dollar amount insert:

(reduced by \$15,000,000)

On page 36, line 11,

Strike "\$1,151,036,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$1,166,036,000"

In the report:

On page 53, in the table, insert:

"HCC Advance Planning.....\$15,000"