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H. J. RES. 72

Making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 1, 2013

Mr. CULBERSON introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

JOINT RESOLUTION

Making continuing appropriations for veterans benefits for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums are hereby appropriated, out of
4 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
5 and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts,
6 and funds, for veterans benefits for fiscal year 2014, and
7 for other purposes, namely:
8 SEC. 101. (a) Amounts are provided for entitlements
9 and other mandatory payments whose budget authority

1 was provided in the Military Construction and Veterans
2 Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013
3 (division E of Public Law 113–6), to continue activities
4 at the rate to maintain program levels under current law,
5 under the authority and conditions provided in the appli-
6 cable appropriations Act for fiscal year 2013, to be contin-
7 ued through the date specified in section 103(3).

8 (b) Notwithstanding section 103, obligations for man-
9 datory payments due on or about the first day of any
10 month that begins after October 2013 but not later than
11 30 days after the date specified in section 103(3) may con-
12 tinue to be made, and funds shall be available for such
13 payments.

14 SEC. 102. Amounts are provided for "Department of
15 Veterans Affairs—Departmental Administration—Gen-
16 eral Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administra-
17 tion" at a rate for operations of $2,455,490,000: *Provided,*
18 That such amount shall be made available subject to the
19 authority and conditions as provided under the Military
20 Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
21 Appropriations Act, 2013 (division E of Public Law 113–
22 6) and shall be available to the extent and in the manner
23 that would be provided by such Act.

24 SEC. 103. Unless otherwise provided for in this joint
25 resolution or in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal

1 year 2014, appropriations and funds made available and
2 authority granted pursuant to this joint resolution shall
3 be available until whichever of the following first occurs:
4 (1) the enactment into law of an appropriation for any
5 project or activity provided for in this joint resolution; (2)
6 the enactment into law of the applicable appropriations
7 Act for fiscal year 2014 without any provision for such
8 project or activity; or (3) December 15, 2013.

9 SEC. 104. It is the sense of Congress that this joint
10 resolution may also be referred to as the "Honoring Our
11 Promise to America's Veterans Act".

12 This joint resolution may be cited as the "Veterans
13 Benefits Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014".