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Active Force Issues		
Sec. 332. Child and Family Assistance Benefits. Adds \$50M for childcare services for military families and \$10M for family assistance centers.	No similar provision	Support Senate provision.
Sec. 333. Reimbursement for Purchase of Protective Equipment by or for Deployed Members. Requires reimbursement, up to \$1,100, for materials purchased before 10/1/06 by or for members deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. -establishes fund for this purpose -allows reimbursement in advance of promulgation of regulations	No similar provision	Support Senate provision.
Sec. 342. Rest And Recuperation Reimbursement to Armed Forces Recreation Centers. Authorizes \$7M reimbursement to AFRCs to reimburse R&R expenses.	No similar provision	Support Senate provision
Sec. 401-402 and 411. End Strength. Increase Army strength by 20,000. Reduce Navy strength by 13,200 and USAF by 2,300. Reduce Naval and AF Reserve end strengths by 10,300 and 2,100, respectively.	Secs. 401-402, 411, and 1521-1522. End Strength. Increase Army strength by 10,000, USMC by 1,000. Same Navy and USAF active and Reserve end strength reductions as Senate.	Support 20,000 Army increase and 1,000 USMC increase. TMC is concerned that Navy and USAF active and Reserve cuts are driven by budget rather than requirements and may potentially cause operations tempo difficulties.
Sec. 523. Information on Stop Loss for New Enlistees. SecDef shall report to Congress within 90 days of enactment on actions to inform new enlistees about stop loss.		Support Senate provision
Sec. 533. Suspending financial assistance and subsistence for Senior ROTC cadets and midshipmen for health related conditions. Establishes due process requirements for suspension, including medical leave of absence.	No similar provision.	Support Senate provision.

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No similar provision	Sec. 543. Standards for Assisting Wounded and Injured Members. SecDef shall standardize programs among services.	Support House provision
Sec. 582-583: Assistance to school districts with BRAC/rebasing-caused student increases and Supplement to Impact Aid: authorizes \$15 million annually FY 06 through 08 to assist school districts experiencing enrollment increases or decreases of 250 + military children due to rebasing, BRAC, creation of new units, increase in housing on installation Sec. 583 authorizes \$30M for school districts with at least 20% military student enrollment	Sec. 562 Assistance to school districts with BRAC/rebasing-caused student increases: Supplement to Impact Aid: paragraph (a) authorizes \$50 million for school districts with at least 20% military student enrollment; BRAC-related Assistance: paragraph (b) provides \$10 million in FY 06 to districts experiencing increase or decrease of 5% or at least 250 students due to BRAC/rebasing; out-year funding TBD	Support Senate language on factors determining eligibility and \$15 million authorized funding for FY 06 through 08 Support House \$50 million supplemental aid for districts with at least 20% military student enrollment and designation of 5% enrollment change or 250 student gain or increase
Sec. 584: Impact Aid for Children with Severe Disabilities: authorizes \$5 million to support school districts educating severely-disabled military children	No similar provision	Support Senate provision
No similar provision	Sec. 563: Impact Aid Student Count: Temporarily enables districts to continue counting military children as military on-base for Impact Aid if moved off-base due to servicemember parent's deployment/death.	Support House provision
Sec. 598. Education for Members and Spouses on Insurance and Financial Services. Requires education program on initial entry and at military installations. -Requires full-time counselor at installations with 2000+ population -bars authorization of allotment for life insurance other than SGLI for E1-E4 until member receives counseling.	No similar provision	Support Senate provision.

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<p>Sec. 599. Predatory Lending Practices. Requires SecDef report within 90 days of enactment on prevalence and effects of predatory lending practices aimed at servicemembers, and on DoD strategy to educate members/families and reduce/eliminate prevalence and negative effects, including recommendations for legislative/administrative action.</p>	<p>No similar provision</p>	<p>Strongly support Senate provision. Predatory lending practices are a scourge that entrap thousands of military families in spiraling debt. A report and recommendations from DoD for specific legislative action would provide important help in repudiating misleading rhetoric from the predatory lending industry.</p>
<p>Secs. 602 and 652. Thrift Savings Plan Matching Authority and Pilot Program. Test providing government matching of TSP deposits made by first-term enlisted members to encourage retirement saving, eff. 10/1/05.</p>	<p>No similar provision.</p>	<p>TMC can support this initiative, but would strongly oppose any military retirement reduction to fund TSP matching.</p>
<p>No similar provision</p>	<p>Sec. 603. Basic pay rates for Reserve component members in Service Academy Prep Schools. Protects pay at previous enlisted rate.</p>	<p>Support House provision</p>
<p>No similar provision</p>	<p>Sec. 607. Overseas Cost of Living Allowance. Authorize continued COLA payment to family after the member's reassignment if in best interests of government.</p>	<p>Support House provision.</p>
<p>No similar provision</p>	<p>Sec. 616. Hardship Duty Pay Increase. Raises maximum from \$300 to \$750 per month.</p>	<p>Support House provision.</p>
<p>No similar provision</p>	<p>Sec. 618. Active Duty Reenlistment Bonus. Increases maximum SRB to \$90K, extends payment authority to 20 years of service, and allows secretary to waive statutory eligibility criteria during war and national emergency.</p>	<p>Support House provision.</p>

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Sec. 616. SRB for Senior Nuclear-Qualified Enlisted Supervisors. Authorize payment up to \$75,000 for members with 10 to 14 years' service.	No similar provision.	Support Senate provision.
Sec. 619. Retention Incentive/Assignment Bonus for Selected Reserves in Critical Skills. Authorizes bonus for members in critical skills who extend for 2 years or agree to assignment to high priority unit.	No similar provision	Support Senate provision
Sec. 620. Imminent Danger Pay During Periods of Hospitalization. Continue payment of imminent danger pay to combat-wounded for duration of hospitalization.	Sec. 1527. Special Pay In Rehabilitation from Combat-Related Injuries. \$430 per month during recuperation. Starts after medevac from combat zone and ends when paid SGLI traumatic injury benefits or leaves military health facility.	Support House provision (\$225 imminent danger pay, \$105 incidentals per diem, and \$100 hardship duty pay). Amounts paid for incurring the risks of combat should continue if actually wounded -- until returned to duty or medically retired/separated.
Sec. 1502. Increase in Maximum Enlistment Bonus. Raises maximum to \$20K for Reserves and to \$40K for active forces.	Sec. 622. Increase in Maximum Enlistment Bonus. Raise maximum from \$20K to \$30K.	Support Senate provision.
No similar provision	Secs. 624-625. Increase in Maximum Nuclear Officer Retention Bonus. Raises maximum bonus to \$30,000. Raises maximum annual incentive bonus to \$14,000 for officers trained while in enlisted status.	Support House provision.
No similar provision	Sec. 628. Accession Bonus For ROTC Army Nurse Candidates. Pay \$5K bonus if completed second year and execute service agreement.	Support House provision
No similar provision	Sec. 641. Payment of TDY Lodging During Authorized Absence. Allows when absence authorized by unit commander.	Support House provision.
No similar provision	Sec. 642. Home of Selection Travel for Dependents of Deceased Member. Authorizes travel within three years after member's death.	Support House provision

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No similar provision.	Sec. 644. PCS Weight Allowance for Senior Enlisted Members. Adds 500 lbs to allowances for E-7, E-8, E-9 (1,000 lbs for single E-8 and E-9).	Support House provision.
Sec. 653. Authorized Adoption Intermediaries. Allows benefits for adoptions through all adoption agencies authorized under state or local law.	No similar provision.	Support Senate provision
Sec. 654. Servicemembers Civil Relief Act Outreach. Require provision of SCRA to members and families at specific times. Require GAO review to determine additional SCRA needs. Report due one year after enactment.	No similar provision	Support Senate provision
No similar provision	Sec. 661. Increase in Authorized Level of Supplies and Services Procurement from Overseas Exchange Stores. Increases maximum amount payable to exchange stores to \$100,000 per contract to procure goods and services overseas.	Support House provision.
No similar provision	Sec. 662. Moratorium on Commissary Privatization Studies. Establishes moratorium through 12/31/2010 to allow DeCA to reengineer workforce prior to competing with civilian entities.	Strongly support House provision to help restore members' morale and confidence in a benefit that has seemed in constant danger.
No similar provision	Sec. 663. IT Services in NAF Accommodations for Wounded Members and Families. Authorizes providing computers and Internet access in NAF-operated facilities while member receives medical treatment.	Support House provision.

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No similar provision	Sec. 664. Overseas Transportation of Commissary and Exchange Supplies. Mandate appropriated funds to ship goods for sale in overseas commissaries and exchanges. Expresses disappointment in DoD reduction of \$66M for AAFES shipments. Considers such cuts unacceptable. Restores \$65M.	Support House provision.
Sec. 671. Increase Assignment Incentive Pay. Increases maximum assignment incentive pay from \$1500 to \$3000.	No similar provision.	
No similar provision	Sec. 671. Senior Enlisted Advisor for CJCS. Authorizes highest enlisted pay level and personal money allowance for CJCS Senior Enlisted, and applicable retired pay level.	Support House provision.
Sec. 672. Temporary Increase in Housing Allowance in Disaster Areas. Provides for a maximum 20% increase in housing allowance for military members in a designated disaster area. Effective Sep 1, 2005 and remains in effect until next adjustment in housing allowance rates.	No similar provision.	Support Senate provision
Sec. 673. Temporary Authority for New Recruiting Incentives. Provides SecDef authority for period of 3 years to develop recruiting incentives as appropriate provided 30 day notice given to Congress. Incentives cannot be offered to more than 20 percent of armed forces annual accession mission.	No similar provision.	Support Senate provision

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<p>Sec. 674. Pay and Benefits to Facilitate Voluntary Separation of Selected Members of the Armed Forces. Provides authority for voluntary separation pay to selected members with more than 6 years but less than 20 years service. Authority ends Dec 31, 2008. Authorizes Selected Early Retirement Boards (SERBs) through Dec 31, 2011.</p>	<p>No similar provision.</p>	<p>TMC believes strongly that, if voluntary separation incentives are required, Congress should reauthorize the same VSI/SSB/TERA authorities that worked so well during the 1990s. Adoption of Senate provision makes it likely that relatively senior members will be forced to accept these lower-benefit programs or be threatened with involuntary separation. Members with more than 15 years of service should be offered TERA-level benefits if losses among that group are required.</p>
<p>Sec. 676. SCRA Notification Requirement. Requires lender to provide plain English notification explaining mortgage and foreclosure rights to members who fail to make payments.</p>	<p>No similar provision</p>	<p>Support Senate provision</p>
<p>Sec. 1062. Delivery of Mail Addressed to Any Service Member. Require SecDef to build program for wide distribution, ensure screening, and inform public.</p>	<p>No similar provision</p>	<p>Support Senate provision.</p>
<p>Sec. 1504. Increase in Maximum Age for Enlistment. Raises maximum enlistment age in armed forces from 35 to 42.</p>	<p>No similar provision</p>	<p>TMC is concerned this poses potential conflict with mandatory retirement age of 60, putting older, skilled members at risk of involuntary separation for inability to attain 20 years of service. Putting older individuals through basic training rigors raises likelihood of service-connected injuries/disability.</p>
<p>Sec. 1507. Enhanced Education Loan Repayment. Expands loan eligibility for federal repayment programs.</p>	<p>No similar provision.</p>	<p>Support Senate provision</p>
<p>No similar provision</p>	<p>Sec. 1524. Permanent Prohibition Against Meal Charges for Hospitalized Wounded. Applies to any member treated for illness or injury incurred in combat zone.</p>	<p>Support House provision.</p>

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No similar provision	Sec. 1525. Dependent Travel to Visit Hospitalized Wounded. Expands authority to cover travel within the U.S.	Support House provision.
Sec. 641. SGLI Coverage in Combat Zone. \$150,000 free SGLI coverage in combat zone.	Sec. 1528. Reimbursement for SGLI Premiums While Serving in OEF/OIF. Requires reimbursement of maximum SGLI premiums for members serving in OEF/OIF and offer such members an opportunity to elect or increase coverage.	Support House provision.
Sec. 1604. Report on Transition Assistance Programs. Requires SecDef/VA/DoL report by 5/1/06 on actions taken to ensure programs function effectively, particularly for veterans of OIF, OEF, contingency operations and National Guard members mobilized under title 32 for hurricane relief.	No similar provision	Support Senate provision
Sec. 2804. Temporary authority for construction of child development centers. Directs SECDEF to establish a temporary program to carry out minor child development center construction and increases the funding thresholds for projects.	No similar provision	Support Senate provision
Sec. 2808 Consultation Requirements at Locations With Personnel Growth. SecDef must consult with state/local entities on transportation/housing/schools/family support at bases expecting personnel increases.	No similar provision	Support Senate provision.
Sec. 2887. Limitation on Personnel Transfer Pending Readiness of Receiving Units. Sense of Congress that SecDef shouldn't transfer any unit until adequate facilities and quality-of-life support are available at receiving installation.	No similar provision	Strongly support Senate provision. Prior government reports indicate transfer plans are proceeding without adequate support at some locations. The support horse must be placed before the transfer cart. Military families shouldn't be victims of inadequate planning.

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Guard and Reserve Provisions

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No similar provision	Sec. 511. Use of Montgomery GI Bill benefits for Mobilized members for Licensing and Certification tests. Authorizes use of up to \$2,000.	Support House provision
No similar provision	Sec. 513. Mandatory separation of dual status military technicians. Direct SecArmy to implement policies allowing dual-status technicians to serve until age 60.	Support House provision
No similar provision	Sec. 514. Retirement Credit for Guard Members in Certain State Duty Status. Authorize credit for members mobilized in response to declaration of federal emergencies in New York City and Arlington County, VA immediately after 9/11.	Support House provision
No similar provision	Sec. 515. Use of National Guard to Support Domestic counter-terrorism activities. Authorize governors to order members to provide military support, on reimbursable basis, to civilian law enforcement agency for domestic counter-terrorism.	Support House provision
Sec. 531. Physical exams and medical/dental readiness of Select Reserve members not on active duty. Require annual physical exam for SelRes members, and annual report to secretary on individual medical and dental readiness.	No similar provision	TMC believes more needs to be done to ensure medical/dental readiness of the Selected Reserve, but is not convinced that an annual physical is required.
No similar provision	Sec. 533. Initial military service obligation. Require secretaries to notify IRR members of termination date of military service obligation (MSO) and offer opportunity to continue in IRR or transfer to active component or SelRes. Bar involuntary mobilization after MSO expiration.	Support House provision.

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Sec. 535. Educational Assistance for Reserves supporting contingency and other operations. SecVA must prescribe form and manner of eligible member's election among multiple benefits. Break in service less than 90 days allowed if continue serving in SelRes.	Sec. 512. Reserve Education Benefit for active service in support of contingency operations. Make members mobilized since 9/11/01 eligible for special benefit in FY2005 NDAA (sec 527). Break in service less than 90 days allowed if continue serving in SelRes.	Support House provision
Sec. 538. Quality of Life Pilot Program for Army Reserve. SecArmy shall carry out pilot program in two states to: -facilitate transition -enhance retention -help cope with absence and other difficulties -family relationships and parenting skills -report due 4/1/07	No similar provision	Support Senate provision
Sec. 539. Reserve Retirement Age. Reduce Reserve retirement age by 3 months for each 90 days served on active duty by a Guard or Reserve member in a contingency operation since 9/1/01. -Retains age 60 eligibility for health care.	No similar provision.	Support Senate provision, in the interest of making progress toward the TMC goal of earlier retirement eligibility for all Selected Reserve members. But TMC believes strongly that retirement and health care eligibility should occur at the same time.
Sec. 540. Study of GWOT Deployments. Requires Defense Science Board report by 5/1/06 on deployment length/frequency of Guard/Reserve in global war on terrorism.	No similar provision	Support Senate provision
Sec. 543. National Guard Bonus Resolution. Sense of Senate to urge SecDef to promptly resolve issues related to reenlistment bonus for Army National Guard and dual status technician reenlistment contracts between 1/14/05 and 4/17/05.	No similar provision.	Support Senate provision
No similar provision	Sec. 575. Eligibility for Space-Available Travel on Military Aircraft. Allows gray-area retirees to travel Space-A on same basis as retirees receiving retired pay.	Support House provision

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No similar provision	Sec. 579. Report on Guard/Reserve Employment Matters. Requires GAO to study Guard/Reserve difficulties in gaining reemployment on returning from duty.	Support House provision.
Sec. 607. Income replacement payments for mobilized Reserves. Require DoD payment of salary differential (up to \$3K/mo) after member completes 180 continuous days on active duty, or 24 months on active duty within previous 60 months, or if member remobilized involuntarily within 6 months of last active duty tour. -Eff Jan 1, 2006 -Cost capped at \$60M for FY06	Sec. 608. Income replacement payments for Reserves experiencing extended and frequent mobilization. Similar provision except DoD to pay salary differential after member completes 18 continuous months on active duty, or 24 months on active duty within previous 60 months, or if member remobilized involuntarily within 6 months of last active duty tour.	Support Senate provision to help set example for civilian employers. However, TMC believes strongly that salary differential payment is the obligation of the civilian employing agency rather than the Department of Defense. It is a continuation of civilian salary, not military pay. Other federal agencies should reimburse DoD for the cost of paying the differential to recallers who are employees of the other agencies.
No similar provision	Sec. 619. SelRes Reenlistment Bonus. Allow bonus payment through 20 years of service.	Support House provision
Sec. 617. Selected Reserve Enlistment and Affiliation Bonuses. Consolidates these authorities. Maximum bonus is \$10,000.	Sec. 620. Selected Reserve Affiliation and Accession Bonuses. Similar provision, but sets maximum bonus at \$15,000 and caps cost at \$30M for FY06.	Support House provision
Sec. 618. Selected Reserve Enlisted Special Pay for Certain High Priority Units. Increases pay to \$50 per period.		Support Senate provision
No similar provision	Sec. 621. Prior Service Enlistment Bonus Eligibility. Eliminate requirement to complete obligated service before receiving bonus for enlisting in SelRes.	Support House provision
Sec. 623. Bonus for transfer between the Armed Forces. Authorize bonus up to \$2,500 who transfer between services.		Support Senate provision

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No similar provision	Sec. 652. Nonregular Service Retirement After Establishing Regular Retirement Eligibility. Allows members qualified for active duty retirement to continue serving in active reserve status and remain eligible for reserve retirement at age 60 without being retired under active duty authority.	Support House provision
No similar provision	Section 677. Reserve Component Compensation and Benefits. Requires GAO report, to include differences between Title 10, Title 32 and State Active Duty for National Guard members.	Support House provision
Sec. 701. Clarification of Eligibility of Reserve officers for health care following issuance of orders to active duty. Authorizes care before start of active duty.	No similar provision	Support Senate provision
No similar provision	Section 818. Evaluation Factor for Defense Contractors Employing or Subcontracting with Members of the Selected Reserve. Requires DoD to establish employment of Guard and Reserve personnel as an evaluation factor in the awarding of defense contracts.	Support House provision
Sec. 1602. Improved Administration of Transitional Assistance Programs. Requires individual preseparation counseling for Guard/Reserve members on active duty for 180+ days.	No similar provision	Support Senate provision
Sec. 677. Extention of SSI Eligibility for Guard/Reserve Family Members. Exempt Guard/Reserve families from having to reapply for SSI for up to 24 months after a previous period of eligibility (vs. normal 12 months) if the Guard/Reserve member was called to active duty.	No similar provision	Support Senate provision

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Sec. 679. Veterans Preference for Reservists. Authorizes veterans preference for members of Selected Reserve who are released from active duty.	No similar provision	Support Senate provision
Sec. 1505. Repeal Prohibition of Prior Service Enlistment Bonus for Receipt of Other Enlistment/Retention Bonus in Selected Reserve. Allows receipt of prior service enlistment bonus and subsequent enlistment/retention bonus in Selected Reserve.	No similar provision.	Support Senate provision
Sec. 1506. Increase Affiliation Bonus for Officers in Selected Reserve. Increase subject bonus from \$6000 to \$10000.	No similar provision.	Support Senate provision
Sec. 1508. Report on Reserve Dental Insurance Program. Requires SecDef to conduct study of proper mechanism for premium payment, information dissemination and other matters SecDef deems appropriate. Due Feb 1, 2007.	No similar provision.	Support Senate provision

Retired Affairs Issues

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Sec. 642. Armed Forces Retirement Home. Requires military officer as CEO and establishes requirements for medical services and transportation to care after hours.	No similar provision.	Support Senate provision
No similar provision	Sec. 654. Child Support When Retirement-Eligible Member is Convicted of Domestic Violence Resulting in Other Parent's Death. Authorizes payment of child support even when member's retired pay eligibility has been terminated because of the abuse, if court orders such payment.	Support House provision

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Sec. 644. Paid-Up Survivor Benefit Plan Coverage. Implement paid-up SBP coverage for members who have paid SBP premiums for at least 30 years and have attained age 70, effective Oct. 1, 2005.	No similar provision	TMC strongly supports the Senate provision. “Greatest Generation” retirees already have paid 20% more premiums than their post-1978 counterparts.
Sec. 645. Concurrent Receipt for Unemployables. Authorize full concurrent receipt for unemployables, retroactive to 12/31/04.	Sec. 655. Concurrent Receipt for Unemployables. Accelerates phase-in schedule for otherwise-eligible members deemed unemployable. Full restoration eff. Oct 1, 2009.	TMC strongly supports the Senate provision. This is the only situation in which unemployables are not treated equitably with other retirees paid by the VA at the 100% disability rate.

Survivor Issues

Senate (S. 1042)	House (H.R. 1815)	TMC Position
No similar provision	Sec. 541. Designation of Person Authorized to direct disposition of a member’s remains. Require servicemembers to designate such person should they die in military status to avoid challenges in family disputes.	Support House provision
Sec. 591 Casualty Assistance to Military Survivors. Require SecDef to develop and implement by 1/1/06 comprehensive casualty assistance program to rectify problems, including notification, training of casualty assistance officers, centralized case management, personalized benefits info for survivors, financial counseling, complaints handling, and liaison with VA/Social Security.	Sec. 542. Enhanced Casualty Assistance Program. Codify casualty assistance requirements, including appointment of officer to assist seriously ill/injured members and families. Establishes requirements for training, continuity of assistance, and service monitoring.	Support both provisions
No similar provision	Sec. 656. Beneficiary of SBP Insurable Interest Coverage. Allows naming of new insurable interest beneficiary if original insurable interest beneficiary dies.	Support House provision

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Sec. 641. Enhancement of Death Gratuity and life insurance benefits. Increase SGLI coverage to \$400,000 and raise death gratuity to \$100,000 for all deaths in line of duty. (Both retroactive to 10/7/01.). \$150,000 free SGLI coverage in combat zone. Requires spousal notification if member elects less than maximum or changes beneficiary designation.	Sec. 1523. Military Death Gratuity Enhancement. Increases death gratuity to \$100,000 for combat- or operations-related deaths on active duty. Retroactive for deaths since 10/7/01.	Strongly support Senate provision. TMC concurs with unanimous view of service leaders that death benefits should not discriminate based on geographic or operational conditions.
Sec. 643. Elimination of DIC/SBP Offset. Ends deduction of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation from Survivor Benefit Plan annuities, effective Oct 1, 2005.	No similar provision	TMC strongly supports the Senate provision. When service causes the member's death the DIC indemnity payment should be added to SBP, not substituted for it.

Health Care Provisions

Senate (S. 1042)	House (H.R. 1815)	TMC Position
Sec. 572. Limitation on civilianization of military medical and dental billets. Bars civilianization until 90 days after SecDef certifies action meets readiness requirements, will not increase costs and there is sufficient civilian capacity.	Sec. 714. Prohibition on conversions of military medical positions to civilian medical positions. Requires GAO to study effect of the conversions of military medical positions to civilian positions on the DHP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bars conversions of medical positions pending certification that conversions will not increase cost, decrease quality of care or access to care. • Report due NLT 3/1/06 	Support both provisions
Sec. 573. Mental Health Screenings for PTSD. Requires screening of each member deployed to a combat zone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -before deployment -within 30 days after return -whenever member receives any other DoD medical exam 		Support Senate provision

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Sec. 585. Pediatric Early Literacy Pilot Project. SecDef may conduct Reach Out and Read pilot projects at up to 20 MTFs. -Report due by 3/1/07.	No similar provision.	Support Senate provision
Sec. 702. Limitation on deductible and copayment requirements for nursing home residents under the pharmacy benefits program. Limits out- of-pocket expenses for nursing home residents required to use non-network nursing home pharmacy services		Support Senate provision
Sec. 704. Continued TRICARE Prime coverage of children of members who die on active duty. Extend eligibility until age 21, or 23 if enrolled in higher education, for deaths since October 7, 2001.		Support Senate provision
Sec. 705. Selected Reserve TRICARE Coverage. Authorize permanent TRICARE Standard eligibility for all Selected Reserve members (and their families) who agree to continue in Selected Reserve, except federal civilian employees eligible for FEHBP coverage.		Strongly support Senate provision. Members and families from whom so much sacrifice is being expected deserve more than selective, temporary health coverage. State adjutants general and Reserve leaders agree that enactment of this coverage is important for recruiting, retention and medical readiness.
Sec. 711. TRICARE Standard coordinators in TRICARE regional offices. Require designation of position in each TRO to assist Standard beneficiaries find providers who will participate in TRICARE.		Support Senate provision
Sec. 713. GAO report on differential payments to children’s hospitals for children dependents under TRICARE. Requires GAO to study effectiveness of differential payments for severely ill or injured dependent children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations due NLT 5/1/06 		Support Senate provision

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<p>Sec. 715. Surveys on TRICARE Standard. Increases the survey questions required under section 723(a) of the FY04 NDAA To determine: whether providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are aware of the TRICARE program, • the percentage of patient populations who receive TRICARE benefits, and • whether or not civilian providers accept patients or new patients under the Medicare program. 	<p>Sec. 702. Additional information required by surveys on TRICARE standard Expands the scope of the TRICARE Standard survey required by section 723 of the FY04 NDAA to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the extent to which health care providers are aware of the TRICARE program; • whether providers' patient populations use TRICARE; and • the extent to which providers who participate in Medicare also accept new Medicare patients. 	<p>Support both provisions</p>
<p>Sec. 716. Modification of health care quality information and technology enhancement report requirements. Modify annual quality reporting requirement to resemble civilian sector and public health quality improvement efforts. Directs Sec Def review of quality programs to include civilian provider networks</p>		<p>Support Senate provision</p>
<p>Sec.719. Composite Health Care System II. Require DoD report within 6 months of enactment on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -status of electronic medical record -amounts spent and still needed for project -accountability to evaluate progress -schedule for completion 	<p>No similar provision</p>	<p>Support Senate provision</p>

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<p>Sec. 723. Expanded DoD/VA Health Care Partnership. Requires GAO report within 180 days of enactment on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -overview of DoD and VA health systems -comparative analysis of the two systems -summary of current sharing efforts -assessment of advantages/disadvantages of military retirees/dependents participating in VA care via an expanded partnership -projections for future cost growth and ways for more effective/higher quality service -options to achieve more effective partnership -GAO shall seek views of MSOs/VSOs 		Support Senate provision
<p>Sec. 731. Report on adverse health events associated with use of anti-malarial drugs. Directs study of adverse events by researchers outside DoD, including assessment of Lariam as a risk factor contributing to suicides</p>	No similar provision	Support Senate provision
No similar provision	<p>Sec. 703. TRICARE Reserve Select.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Allows TRS extension if recalled -permits SelRes members who are involuntarily retired to continue TRS until their coverage period ends. -allows IRR members one year after release from active duty to find a SelRes position without losing TRS. Coverage begins after transfer to the SelRes. -Involuntary separatees enrolled in TRS retain TRS if remain in the IRR. -Family coverage extends six months beyond the death of the member. -TRS includes access to care in MTFs 	Support House provisions to ease inappropriate and inequitable administrative restrictions.

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Senate (S. 1042)	House (H.R. 1815)	TMC Position
No similar provision	<p>Sec. 704. Study and plan on chiropractic services. Require SecDef plan by 3/31/06 for providing chiropractic services to all members</p> <p>-Requires a study of the cost, feasibility, health benefit and potential savings of providing chiropractic care for active duty family members, reserves and family members, and retirees and family members.</p> <p>-Also includes cost of providing chiropractic care on a Space A basis in MTFs providing chiropractic care.</p>	Support House provision
No similar provision	<p>Sec. 706. Exceptional eligibility for TRICARE prime remote. Allows waiver of all restrictions for active duty family members at a remote location without regard to their sponsor's current or past assignment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If SecDef determines extenuating circumstances warrant waiver. 	Support House provision
No similar provision	<p>Sec. 715. Clarification of inclusion of dental care in medical readiness tracking and health surveillance program. Clarifies that the FY 05 NDAA references to medical readiness, health status and health care include dental care.</p>	Support House provision
No similar provision	<p>Sec. 716. Cooperative outreach to naval service members exposed to sarcoidosis-related environments. Requires SecNav and SecVA to contact all current/former naval service members exposed aboard Navy ships factors related to sarcoidosis.</p> <p>-To determine a causative link between sarcoidosis and military service; and</p> <p>-Help sufferers get medical evaluations to clarify linkages with service on ships</p>	Support House provision

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<p>Sec. 732. Early diagnosis and treatment of PTSD and other mental health conditions. Requires three pilot projects to evaluate improving the capability to provide early diagnosis and treatment of PTSD and other combat related mental health conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -MTF which supports a large mobilization and demobilization site to evaluate MHS primary care providers -NG or Reserve unit located >40 miles away from a military installation and whose personnel are served primarily by civilian community health resources. -evaluation of Internet-based automated tools to aid military/civilian providers in the diagnosis and treatment of PTSD, as well as web-based tools available to family members -provides \$10M to establish pilot projects 	<p>Sec. 717. Early identification and treatment of mental health and substance abuse disorders. Authorizes SecDef to conduct an internal media effort to foster a change in attitudes regarding treatment for mental health and substance abuse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program to build on family, peer-support, and command programs to recognize/assist members or family members who exhibit signs of mental health or substance abuse problems 	<p>Support both provisions</p>
<p>Sec. 733. Task Force on Mental Health. SecDef must appoint 14-member task force of mental health experts with representation from various groups (including at least two VSO representatives); Plan to improve mental health services due to SecDef within 12 months.</p>	<p>No similar provision</p>	<p>Support Senate provision</p>
<p>Sec. 1603. Follow-Up Assistance After Pre-separation Physicals. Requires SecDef and SecVA to ensure members referred for follow-up care during pre-separation physicals actually receive necessary information and care.</p>	<p>No similar provision.</p>	<p>Support Senate provision</p>