

H.R. 2919 - Virgin Islands Military and
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CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

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By Mr. MCHUGH:

H.R. 2932. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to make cigarettes and certain other tobacco products nonmarketable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California (for himself, Mr. GORDON, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. HINCHY, Mr. HOLT, Mr. KIND, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. POE, and Mr. ROSS):

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By Mr. MORAN of Kansas (for himself, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, and Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas):

H.R. 2935. A bill to extend tax relief to the residents and businesses of an area with respect to which a major disaster has been declared by the President under section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (P.L. 96-387) by reason of severe storms and tornadoes beginning on May 4, 2005, and determined by the President to warrant individual or individual and public assistance from the Federal Government under that Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. RAMSTADT):

H.R. 2936. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a shorter recovery period for the depreciation of certain improvements to retail space; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts:

H.R. 2937. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that management and administrative activities will not be taken into account in determining if an entity has sufficient business activities in a foreign country to avoid treatment as an expatriated entity; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 2938. A bill to authorize grants to upgrade agriculture and food sciences facilities at the District of Columbia Land Grant University, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 2939. A bill to prohibit the commercial harvesting of Atlantic blackfish in the coastal waters and the exclusive economic zone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. PERLMUTTER (for himself, Mr. KAGEN, Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, Mr. KIND, Mr. COSTA, Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, and Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota):

H.R. 2940. A bill to amend section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to discretionary determinations waiving an alien's inadmissibility based on certain activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. POE (for himself, Mr. COSTA,

Mr. CHABOT, Mr. HOLDEN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PORTUÑO, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MCHUGH, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. HALL of New York, Ms. CARSON, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. WELCH of Vermont, Mr. McCAUL of Texas, Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. GORDON, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. ROYBAL-AL-LARD, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia):

H.R. 2941. A bill to safeguard the Crime Victims Fund; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RYAN of Ohio (for himself and

Mr. HUNTER):

H.R. 2942. A bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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H.R. 2943. A bill to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of disability rated and certified as total by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs as disability for purposes of such titles; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SHAYS:

H.R. 2944. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the eligibility requirement for disability insurance benefits under which an individual must have 20 quarters of Social Security coverage in the 40 quarters preceding a disability shall not be applicable in the case of a disabled individual suffering from a covered terminal disease; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. STARK:

H.R. 2945. A bill to amend part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide beneficiary protections against excessive cost-sharing under the Medicare Advantage Program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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H.R. 2948. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit health insurance to be purchased from a health savings account; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WEXLER (for himself, Mr. GALLEGLY, and Mr. ACKERMAN):

H.R. 2949. A bill to authorize grants to the Eurasia Foundation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico:

H.R. 2950. A bill to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Science and Technology, Education and Labor, Transportation and Infrastructure, Natural Resources, Oversight and Government Reform, Financial Services, Foreign Affairs, Small Business, the Judiciary, Armed Services, Intelligence (Permanent Select), and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for

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6 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) The U.S. Virgin Islands Military and Vet-
2 erans Memorial will be a tribute to the over 3000
3 war veterans of Virgin Island descent who reside in
4 St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

5 (2) The Memorial will include exhibits, arti-
6 facts, and memorabilia of conflicts that involved vet-
7 erans of Virgin Island descent, including members of
8 the 332nd Fighter Group, more commonly known as
9 the Tuskegee Airmen.

10 (3) The Memorial will feature a Wall of Re-
11 membrance listing and identifying every Virgin Is-
12 land veteran by war or conflict to provide a lasting
13 homage to their courage and resolve.

14 (4) The plan for the Memorial includes estab-
15 lishment of a veterans medical clinic on the Memo-
16 rial site, to extend and enhance medical services for
17 veterans on the Island of St. Croix.

18 (5) In 2001, the 24th Legislature of the Virgin
19 Islands enacted legislation, known as the Virgin Is-
20 lands Military Museum and Veterans Memorial Act,
21 authorizing the establishment of a memorial in the
22 Virgin Islands to the over 3000 registered Virgin Is-
23 land War Veterans who reside in the Virgin Islands.

1 (6) It is anticipated that funding to construct
2 the Memorial will come from a combination of Fed-
3 eral, local, and private funding sources.

4 (b) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall carry
5 out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of
6 designating the U.S. Virgin Islands Military and Veterans
7 Memorial, to be located on ten acres in Fredericksted, St.
8 Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park
9 System.

10 (c) STUDY PROCESS AND COMPLETION.—Section
11 8(c) of Public Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C. 1a-5(c)) shall
12 apply to the conduct and completion of the study required
13 by this section.

14 (d) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit a report
15 describing the results the study required by this section
16 to the Committee on Resources of the House of Represent-
17 atives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
18 sources of the Senate.

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