

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2333

To amend title 10, United States Code, to expedite the prompt return of the remains of deceased members of the Armed Forces to their loved ones for burial.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2007

Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sergeant First Class
5 James Priestap and Private First Class Alan Blohm Fall-
6 en Servicemember Respectful Return Act”.

7 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

8 Congress makes the following findings:

14 (3) Rural areas are frequently served by smaller
15 regional airports and are often a significant distance
16 from a major airport, and the practice of the De-
17 partment of Defense to finish the aircraft portion of
18 the transportation of the remains of a deceased
19 member of the Armed Forces at a major airport im-
20 poses undue burdens on the family and friends of
21 the deceased member.

1 SEC. 3. TRANSPORTATION OF REMAINS OF DECEASED
2 MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND CER-
3 TAIN OTHER PERSONS.

4 Section 1482(a)(8) of title 10, United States Code,
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new sen-
6 tence: “When transportation of the remains includes
7 transportation by aircraft under section 562 of the John
8 Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
9 Year 2007 (Public Law 109–364; 10 U.S.C. 1482 note),
10 the Secretary concerned shall provide, to the maximum ex-
11 tent practicable, for delivery of the remains by air to the
12 commercial, general aviation, or military airport nearest
13 to the place selected by the designee.”.

