

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2673

To amend title 38, United States Code, to match the pension amount paid to surviving spouses of veterans who served during a period of war to the pension amount paid to such veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 3, 2009

Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself and Mr. BERRY) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. MATCH OF PENSION AMOUNTS FOR SURVIVING**
4 **SPOUSES.**

5 Section 1541 of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “at the annual
2 rate of \$2,379” and inserting “at the annual rate in
3 effect under section 1521(b) of this title”;

4 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “at the annual
5 rate of \$3,116” and inserting “at the annual rate in
6 effect under section 1521(c) of this title”;

7 (3) in subsection (d)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “shall be
9 \$3,806” and inserting “shall be at the annual
10 rate in effect under section 1521(d)(1) of this
11 title”; and

12 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “shall be
13 \$4,543” and inserting “shall be at the annual
14 rate in effect under section 1521(d)(2) of this
15 title”; and

16 (4) in subsection (e)(1)—

17 (A) by striking “shall be \$2,908” and in-
18 serting “shall be at the annual rate in effect
19 under section 1521(e) of this title for a veteran
20 who is similarly situated”; and

21 (B) by striking “shall be \$3,645” and in-
22 serting “shall be at the annual rate in effect
23 under section 1521(e) of this title for a veteran
24 who is similarly situated”.