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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020, at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020

The House met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God of mercy, thank You for giving us another day.

Bless the Members of the people's House today. For those who have tested positive, bring them healing; for those in quarantine, keep them safe; for those working hard here or at home, give success to their efforts to benefit our suffering Nation and world.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be Your loving embrace to our neighbors.

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

Every day we are called to be holy people. Help us to be our best selves, and may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 7(a) of House Resolution 891, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on March 27, 2020:

H.R. 748, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage;

H.R. 4771, to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit appellants to appear in cases before the Board of Veterans' Appeals by picture and voice transmission from locations other than facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

The SPEAKER. Without objection, all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to include their stated position on the voice vote on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 748, and those statements will appear at the appropriate point in the RECORD.

There was no objection.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, had there been a recorded vote on H.R. 748, the CARES Act, the Republican Members listed below would have voted as follows.

Abraham, YEA; Aderholt, YEA; Allen, YEA; Amodei, YEA; Armstrong, YEA; Babin, YEA; Bacon, YEA; Baird, YEA; Balderson, YEA; Barr, YEA; Bergman, YEA; Biggs, NAY; Bilirakis, YEA; Bishop (NC), YEA; Bost, YEA; Brady, YEA; Brooks (IN), YEA; Buchanan, YEA; Buck, NAY; Bucshon, YEA; Budd, YEA; Burchett, YEA; Calvert, YEA; Carter (GA), YEA; Carter (TX), YEA; Cole, YEA; Collins, YEA; Conaway, YEA; Cook, YEA; Crawford, YEA; Crenshaw, YEA; Davidson, YEA; Davis (IL), YEA; DesJarlais, YEA; Diaz-Balart, YEA; Duncan, YEA; Dunn, YEA; Emmer, YEA; Ferguson, YEA; Fitzpatrick, YEA; Fleischmann, YEA; Fortenberry, YEA; Fulcher, YEA.

Gallagher, YEA; Gianforte, YEA; Gibbs, YEA; Gonzalez (OH), YEA; Gooden, YEA; Gosar, YEA; Granger, YEA; Guthrie, YEA; Hagedorn, YEA; Hartzler, YEA; Hern, YEA; Herrera-Beutler, YEA; Hice, NAY; Higgins (LA), YEA; Hill, YEA; Holding, YEA; Hudson, YEA; Huizenga, YEA; Johnson (OH), YEA; Joyce (OH), YEA; Joyce (PA), YEA; Keller, YEA; King (NY), YEA; King (IA), YEA; Kinzinger, YEA; Kustoff, YEA; Lamborn, NAY; Lesko, YEA; Luetkemeyer, YEA; Marshall, YEA; Mast, YEA; McCarthy, YEA; McCaul, YEA; McClintock, YEA; McHenry, YEA; McKinley, YEA; Miller, YEA; Mitchell,

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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YEA; Moolenaar, YEA; Mullin, YEA; Murphy (NC), YEA; Newhouse, YEA; Norman, YEA.

Nunes, YEA; Olson, YEA; Palazzo, YEA; Pence, YEA; Posey, YEA; Ratcliffe, YEA; Reed, YEA; Reschenthaler, YEA; Rice (SC), YEA; Rigglesman, YEA; Roby, YEA; Rodgers, YEA; Roe, YEA; Rogers (KY), YEA; Rogers (AL), YEA; Rooney, YEA; Rose (TN), YEA; Rouzer, YEA; Roy, YEA; Rutherford, YEA; Scalise, YEA; Schweikert, YEA; Scott (GA), YEA; Shimkus, YEA; Simpson, YEA; Smith (NE), YEA; Smith (NJ), YEA; Smucker, YEA; Spano, YEA; Stauber, YEA; Stefanik, YEA; Steil, YEA; Thompson (PA), YEA; Timmons, YEA; Tipton, YEA; Upton, YEA; Van Drew, YEA; Wagner, YEA; Walberg, YEA; Walorski, YEA; Waltz, YEA; Watkins, YEA; Weber, YEA; Webster, YEA; Wenstrup, YEA; Williams, YEA; Wilson (SC), YEA; Yoho, NAY; Young, YEA; Zeldin, YEA.

Mr. AMASH. Madam Speaker, had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted "nay" on H.R. 748, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, as amended.

Mr. AMODEI. Madam Speaker, had I been able to make the journey to Washington, D.C., I would have voted AYE on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 748—CARES Act.

STUDENT VETERAN CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT OF 2020

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the Chair lays before the House the following bill (H.R. 6322) to make certain improvements in the educational assistance benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the case of changes to courses of education by reason of emergency situations, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6322

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Student Veteran Coronavirus Response Act of 2020".

SEC. 2. PAYMENT OF WORK-STUDY ALLOWANCES DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

Section 3485 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(f)(1) In case of an individual who is in receipt of work-study allowance pursuant to an agreement described in subsection (a)(3) as of the date on which an emergency situation occurs and who is unable to continue to perform qualifying work-study activities described in subsection (a)(4) by reason of the emergency situation—

"(A) the Secretary may continue to pay work-study allowance under this section or make deductions described in subsection (e)(1) during the period of such emergency situation, notwithstanding the inability of the individual to perform such work-study activities by reason of such emergency situation; and

"(B) at the option of the individual, the Secretary shall extend the agreement described in subsection (a)(3) with the individual for any subsequent period of enrollment initiated during the emergency situation, notwithstanding the inability of the individual to perform work-study activities described in subsection (a)(4) by reason of such emergency situation.

"(2) The amount of work-study allowance payable to an individual under paragraph

(1)(A) during the period of an emergency situation shall be an amount determined by the Secretary but may not exceed the amount that would be payable under subsection (a)(2) if the individual worked 25 hours per week paid during such period."

SEC. 3. PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES TO VETERANS ENROLLED IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS CLOSED FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

(a) TEMPORARY PROVISION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning on March 1, 2020, and ending on December 21, 2020, the Secretary may pay allowances to an eligible veteran or eligible person under section 3680(a)(2)(A) of title 38, United States Code, if the veteran or person is enrolled in a program or course of education that—

(A) is provided by an educational institution that is closed by reason of an emergency situation; or

(B) is suspended by reason of an emergency situation.

(2) AMOUNT OF ALLOWANCE.—The total number of weeks for which allowances may be paid under this section may not exceed four weeks.

(3) NOT COUNTED FOR PURPOSES OF LIMITATION.—Any amount paid under this section shall not be counted for purposes of the limitation on allowance under section 3680(a)(2)(A) of title 38, United States Code.

(b) PERMANENT PROVISION.—Section 3680(a)(2) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "12-month" and inserting "six-month"; and

(2) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) by striking "or following" and inserting "during periods following"; and

(B) by inserting after "section 3699(b)(1)(B) of this title," the following: "or during periods when a course of study or program of education is temporarily closed or terminated by reason of an emergency situation."

SEC. 4. PROHIBITION OF CHARGE TO ENTITLEMENT OF STUDENTS UNABLE TO PURSUE A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION DUE TO AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

Section 3699(b)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "or" at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking "and" at the end and inserting "or"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(C) the temporary closure of an educational institution or the temporary closure or termination of a course or program of education by reason of an emergency situation; and"

SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF TIME LIMITATIONS FOR USE OF ENTITLEMENT.

(a) MONTGOMERY GI BILL.—Section 3031 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(i) In the case of an individual eligible for educational assistance under this chapter who is prevented from pursuing the individual's chosen program of education before the expiration of the 10-year period for the use of entitlement under this chapter otherwise applicable under this section because the educational institution closed (temporarily or permanently) under an established policy based on an Executive order of the President or due to an emergency situation, such 10-year period—

"(1) shall not run during the period the individual is so prevented from pursuing such program; and

"(2) shall again begin running on the first day after the individual is able to resume pursuit of a program of education with educational assistance under this chapter."

(b) POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3321(b)(1) of such title is amended—

(A) by inserting "(A)" before "Subsections";

(B) by striking "and (d)" and inserting "(d, and (i))"; and by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(B) Subsection (i) of section 3031 shall apply with respect to the running of the 15-year period described in paragraphs (4)(A) and (5)(A) of this subsection in the same manner as such subsection applies under section 3031 with respect to the running of the 10-year period described in section 3031(a)."

(2) TRANSFER PERIOD.—Section 3319(h)(5) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A) by inserting "or (C)" after "subparagraph (B)"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(C) EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.—In any case in which the Secretary determines that an individual to whom entitlement is transferred under this section has been prevented from pursuing the individual's chosen program of education before the individual attains the age of 26 years because the educational institution closed (temporarily or permanently) under an established policy based on an Executive order of the President or due to an emergency situation, the Secretary shall extend the period during which the individual may use such entitlement for a period equal to the number of months that the individual was so prevented from pursuing the program of education, as determined by the Secretary."

(c) VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND TRAINING.—

(1) PERIOD FOR USE.—Section 3103 of such title is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking "or (e)" and inserting "(e, or (g))"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(g) In any case in which the Secretary determines that a veteran has been prevented from participating in a vocational rehabilitation program under this chapter within the twelve-year period of eligibility prescribed in subsection (a) by reason of an Executive order of the President or due to an emergency situation, such twelve-year period—

"(1) shall not run during the period the individual is so prevented from participating such program; and

"(2) shall again begin running on the first day after the individual is able to resume participation in such program."

(2) DURATION OF PROGRAM.—Section 3105(b) of such title is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "paragraph (2)" and inserting "paragraphs (2) and (3)"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(3)(A) In any case in which the Secretary determines that a veteran has been prevented from participating in counseling and placement and postplacement services described in section 3104(a)(2) and (5) of this title by reason of an Executive order of the President or due to an emergency situation, the Secretary shall extend the period during which the Secretary may provide such counseling and placement and postplacement services for the veteran for a period equal to the number of months that the veteran was so prevented from participating in such counseling and services, as determined by the Secretary.

"(B) In any case in which the Secretary determines that a veteran has been prevented from participating in a vocational rehabilitation program under this chapter by reason of an Executive order of the President or due