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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 22), 1994

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DECONCINI, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. JEFFORDS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Compensa-
3 tion Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1994”.

4 **SEC. 2. DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND DEPENDENCY**
5 **AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION RATE IN-**
6 **CREASES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) The Secretary of Veterans Af-
8 fairs shall, as provided in paragraph (2), increase, effec-
9 tive December 1, 1994, the rates of and limitations on
10 Department of Veterans Affairs disability compensation
11 and dependency and indemnity compensation.

12 (2)(A) The Secretary shall increase each of the rates
13 and limitations provided for in sections 1114, 1115(1),
14 1162, 1311, 1313, and 1314 of title 38, United States
15 Code. The increase shall be by the same percentage that
16 benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Secu-
17 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective
18 December 1, 1994, as a result of a determination under
19 section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

20 (B) In the computation of increased rates and limita-
21 tions pursuant to subparagraph (A), amounts of \$0.50 or
22 more shall be rounded to the next higher dollar amount
23 and amounts of less than \$0.50 shall be rounded to the
24 next lower dollar amount.

25 (b) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust ad-
26 ministratively, consistent with the increases made under

1 subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation pay-
2 able to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public
3 Law 85–857 (2 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of com-
4 pensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38, Unit-
5 ed States Code.

6 (c) PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT.—At the same time
7 as the matters specified in section ~~214(i)(2)(D)~~
8 *215(i)(2)(D)* of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
9 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be published by reason of
10 a determination made under section 215(i) of such Act
11 during fiscal year 1994, the Secretary shall publish in the
12 Federal Register the rates and limitations referred to in
13 subsection (a)(2)(A) as increased under this section.