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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 18 (legislative day, MARCH 3), 1993

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 1993”.

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, 1993, 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, 1162,
14 1311, 1313, and 1314 of title 38, United States Code,
15 that were increased pursuant to section 2 of the Veterans’
16 Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1992
17 (Public Law 102–510; 106 Stat. 3318; ~~38 U.S.C. 101~~
18 ~~note 38 U.S.C. 1114 note~~) and each of the rates provided
19 for in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1311(a) of such
20 title as amended by section 102(a) of the Dependency and
21 Indemnity Compensation Reform Act of 1992 (title I of
22 Public Law 102–568; 106 Stat. 4321). The increase shall
23 be made in such rates and limitations as in effect on No-
24 vember 30, 1993, and shall be by the same percentage
25 that benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social
26 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effec-

1 tive December 1, 1993, as a result of a determination
2 under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

3 (B) In the computation of increased rates and limita-
4 tions pursuant to subparagraph (A), amounts of \$0.50 or
5 more shall be rounded to the next higher dollar amount
6 and amounts of less than \$0.50 shall be rounded to the
7 next lower dollar amount.

8 (b) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust ad-
9 ministratively, consistent with the increases made under
10 subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation pay-
11 able to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public
12 Law 85–857 (~~2~~ 72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of
13 compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38,
14 United States Code.

15 (c) PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT.—At the same time
16 as the matters specified in section 214(i)(2)(D) of the So-
17 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required
18 to be published by reason of a determination made under
19 section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 1993, the
20 Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the rates
21 and limitations referred to in subsection (a)(2)(A) as in-
22 creased under this section.