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# H. R. 1553

To provide for cost-of-living increases for certain Federal benefits programs based on increases in the Consumer Price Index for the elderly.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. POCAN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. MCNERNEY, and Ms. WILD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Oversight and Reform, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To provide for cost-of-living increases for certain Federal benefits programs based on increases in the Consumer Price Index for the elderly.

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 “Fair COLA for Seniors  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES FOR CERTAIN FED-**  
2 **ERAL BENEFITS PROGRAMS BASED ON IN-**  
3 **CREASES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**  
4 **FOR THE ELDERLY.**

5 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever  
6 there is an increase in the Consumer Price Index for the  
7 elderly, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the  
8 dollar amounts in effect for the payment of the following  
9 benefits, as such amounts were in effect immediately be-  
10 fore the increase in the Consumer Price Index for the el-  
11 derly, shall be increased by the same percentage as such  
12 price index was increased:

13 (1) An annuity under the Civil Service Retirement  
14 System or the Federal Employees Retirement  
15 System.

16 (2) Department of Veterans Affairs wartime  
17 disability compensation under section 1114 of title  
18 38, United States Code.

19 (3) Department of Veterans Affairs additional  
20 compensation for dependents under section 1115(1)  
21 of such title.

22 (4) The Department of Veterans Affairs cloth-  
23 ing allowance under section 1162 of such title.

24 (5) Department of Veterans Affairs dependency  
25 and indemnity compensation to surviving spouse

1 under subsections (a) through (d) of section 1311 of  
2 such title.

3 (6) Department of Veterans Affairs dependency  
4 and indemnity compensation to children under sec-  
5 tions 1313(a) and 1314 of such title.

6 (7) Military retirement and survivor benefit  
7 programs, as defined in section 1461(b) of title 10,  
8 United States Code.

9 (8) Any old-age, survivors, or disability insur-  
10 ance benefit under title II of the Social Security Act.

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