

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; Riggleman, 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

to an emergency situation, the Secretary shall extend the period of the veteran's vocational rehabilitation program for a period equal to the number of months that the veteran was so prevented from participating in the vocational rehabilitation program, as determined by the Secretary."

(d) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE SELECTED RESERVE.—Section 16133(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(5) In any case in which the Secretary concerned determines that a person entitled to educational assistance under this chapter has been prevented from using such person's entitlement by reason of an Executive order of the President or due to an emergency situation, the Secretary concerned shall extend the period of entitlement prescribed in subsection (a) for a period equal to the number of months that the person was so prevented from using such entitlement, as determined by the Secretary."

SEC. 6. RESTORATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO REHABILITATION PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS AFFECTED BY SCHOOL CLOSURE OR DISAPPROVAL.

(a) ENTITLEMENT.—Section 3699 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking "chapter 30," each time it appears and inserting "chapter 30, 31,".

(b) PAYMENT OF SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES.—Section 3680(a)(2)(B) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting "or a subsistence allowance described in section 3108" before ", during"; and

(2) by inserting "or allowance" after "such a stipend".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply as if included in the enactment of section 109 of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 (Public Law 115-48; 131 Stat. 978).

SEC. 7. EXTENSION OF PAYMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES.

In the case of any veteran who the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines is satisfactorily following a program of employment services provided under section 3104(a)(5) of title 38, United States Code, during period beginning on March 1, 2020, and ending on December 21, 2020, the Secretary may pay the veteran a subsistence allowance, as prescribed in section 3108 of such title for full-time training for the type of program that the veteran was pursuing, for two additional months."

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following amendment in the nature of a substitute:

The text of the amendment in the nature of a substitute is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

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

SEC. 2. COVERED PERIOD DEFINED.

For purposes of this Act, the term "covered period" means the period beginning on March 1, 2020, and ending on December 21, 2020.

SEC. 3. PAYMENT OF WORK-STUDY ALLOWANCES DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

During the covered period, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall apply section 3485 of title 38, United States Code, as if it were 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. 4. PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES TO VETERANS ENROLLED IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS CLOSED FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—During the covered period, 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—

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

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

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

(c) 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.

SEC. 5. PROHIBITION OF CHARGE TO ENTITLEMENT OF STUDENTS UNABLE TO PURSUE A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION DUE TO AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

During the covered period, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall apply section 3699(b)(1) of title 38, United States Code, as if it were amended—

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

(2) in subparagraph (B)(i), 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. 6. EXTENSION OF TIME LIMITATIONS FOR USE OF ENTITLEMENT.

(a) MONTGOMERY GI BILL.—During the covered period, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall apply section 3031 of title 38, United States Code, as if it were 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 ap-

plicable 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.—During the covered period, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall apply section 3321(b)(1) of such title as if it were 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 (as described in section 6 of the Student Veteran Coronavirus Response Act of 2020) 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.—During the covered period, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall apply section 3319(h)(5) of such title as if it were 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.—During the covered period, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall apply section 3103 of such title as if it were 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.—During the covered period, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall apply section 3105(b) of such title as if it were amended—

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

(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 to an emergency situation, the Secretary shall extend the period of the veteran’s vocational rehabilitation program for a period equal to the number of months that the veteran was so prevented from participating in the vocational rehabilitation program, as determined by the Secretary.”

(d) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE SELECTED RESERVE.—During the covered period, the Secretary concerned shall apply section 16133(b) of title 10, United States Code, as if it were amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) In any case in which the Secretary concerned determines that a person entitled to educational assistance under this chapter has been prevented from using such person’s entitlement by reason of an Executive order of the President or due to an emergency situation, the Secretary concerned shall extend the period of entitlement prescribed in subsection (a) for a period equal to the number of months that the person was so prevented from using such entitlement, as determined by the Secretary.”

SEC. 7. RESTORATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO REHABILITATION PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS AFFECTED BY SCHOOL CLOSURE OR DISAPPROVAL.

(a) ENTITLEMENT.—During the covered period, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall apply section 3699 of title 38, United States Code, as if it were amended by striking “chapter 30,” each time it appears and inserting “chapter 30, 31.”

(b) PAYMENT OF SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES.—During the covered period, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall apply section 3680(a)(2)(B) of title 38, United States Code, as if it were amended—

(1) by inserting “or a subsistence allowance described in section 3108” before “, during”; and

(2) by inserting “or allowance” after “such a stipend”.

SEC. 8. EXTENSION OF PAYMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES.

In the case of any veteran whom the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines is satisfactorily following a program of employment services provided under section 3104(a)(5) of title 38, United States Code, during the covered period, the Secretary may pay the veteran a subsistence allowance, as prescribed in section 3108 of such title for full-time training for the type of program that the veteran was pursuing, for two additional months.

SEC. 9. EMERGENCY DESIGNATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—This Act is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4(g) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 933(g)).

(b) DESIGNATION IN SENATE.—In the Senate, this Act is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4112(a) of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the reading of the amendment is dispensed with.

There was no objection.

The amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was engrossed, read a third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DENISE O’LEARY AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the Chair lays before the House the following joint resolution (S.J. Res. 66) providing for the appointment of Denise O’Leary as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

There was no objection.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

S.J. RES. 66

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the resignation of Barbara M. Barrett of Arizona on October 17, 2019, is filled by the appointment of Denise O’Leary of Colorado. The appointment is for a term of six years, beginning on the date of the enactment of this joint resolution

The joint resolution was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

The SPEAKER. The Chair announces her appointment, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 8468(a) and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Mr. BROWN, Maryland

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 30, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I write today to inform you that I will resign from the House of

Representatives, effective 5:00 pm Monday, March 30. Serving the people of North Carolina’s eleventh congressional district for these last seven years has been the honor of my life. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity.

Thank you, and God bless you all in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

MARK MEADOWS.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 30, 2020.

Governor ROY COOPER,
Secretary of State ELAINE MARSHALL,
20301 Mail Service Center,
Raleigh, NC.

DEAR GOVERNOR COOPER AND SECRETARY OF STATE MARSHALL: I write today to inform you that I will resign from the House of Representatives, effective 5:00 pm Monday, March 30. Serving the people of North Carolina’s eleventh congressional district for these last seven years has been the honor of my life. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity.

Thank you, and God bless you all in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

MARK MEADOWS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MEADOWS), the whole number of the House is 429.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker on Friday, March 27, 2020:

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

H.R. 4771. An act 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.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on March 18, 2020, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 6201. Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 7(b) of House Resolution 891, the House stands adjourned until Friday, April 3, 2020, at 10 a.m.

Thereupon (at 3 o’clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, April 3, 2020, at 10 a.m.