

There are currently 60 state cemeteries and two under construction, and states are planning to open 18 new state veterans' cemeteries between 2007 and 2010.

Owing to the success of the State Cemetery Grants Program, Congress made it permanent in Public Law 108-183. However, tribal governments are not considered eligible for these cemetery grants. This section will provide Native American veterans the opportunity to be buried in a veterans' cemetery on trust land.

Madam Speaker, I'd like to thank Representative Tom Udall, a member of the Subcommittee, for bringing this issue to our attention so we could include it in the bill under consideration today.

Section 202 would make permanent the Secretary's authority to furnish a government marker for veterans interred in a marked grave at a private cemetery, as well as offering a headstone in lieu of a marker, if requested by the family. The headstone or marker would be placed on the grave, or as close to it as practicable.

The current five-year authority, which was effective for deaths that occurred as of September 11, 2001, expires on December 31st of this year. Prior to this authority, if a veteran was buried at a private cemetery and the family purchased a private headstone, the veteran was ineligible for a government marker.

We would also expand the benefit to include veterans who died between November 1, 1990 and September 10, 2001.

I want to recognize Representative Nancy Johnson, who has been championing this cause for over five years. I appreciate her working with the Subcommittee to ensure that veterans and their families continue to have access to symbolic expressions of remembrance.

Finally, section 203 would authorize the Secretary to permit the placement of a memorial headstone or marker in a national cemetery when a child's remains are unavailable for burial.

If feasible, VA would be authorized to add a memorial inscription to a veteran's headstone rather than providing a separate marker for the minor child.

Currently, VA may provide a memorial headstone or marker for a veteran, spouse, or surviving spouse when remains are unavailable.

However, if a spouse and child die at the same time and in the same manner, and the remains for neither are available, a veteran cannot receive a memorial headstone honoring the child. This section would correct an inequity in current law. Since 2002, VA has received three such requests.

I want to thank Ms. BERKLEY, the other members of the Subcommittee, and staff on both sides of the aisle for their work on the provisions incorporated in title two of the amendment. I also thank Chairman BUYER, Ranking Member EVANS, and Acting Ranking Member FILNER for their continued leadership.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3082, as amended.

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Hampshire (Mr. BRADLEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3082, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make improvements to small business, memorial affairs, education, and employment programs for veterans, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. CAPITO) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

S. 1496, by the yeas and nays;

S. 203, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 5534, by the yeas and nays.

The first and third electronic votes will be conducted as 15-minute votes. The second vote in this series will be a 5-minute vote.

ELECTRONIC DUCK STAMP ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the Senate bill, S. 1496.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1496, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 358, nays 4, not voting 70, as follows:

[Roll No. 394]

YEAS—358

Abercrombie	Emerson	Lynch
Ackerman	English (PA)	Maloney
Aderholt	Eshoo	Manzullo
Akin	Etheridge	Marchant
Alexander	Farr	Markey
Allen	Fattah	Marshall
Baca	Ferguson	Matsui
Baird	Fitzpatrick (PA)	McCarthy
Baker	Foley	McCollum (MN)
Baldwin	Forbes	McCotter
Barrett (SC)	Fortenberry	McCreery
Barrow	Fossella	McDermott
Bartlett (MD)	Fox	McGovern
Barton (TX)	Frank (MA)	McHenry
Bass	Frelinghuysen	McHugh
Bean	Garrett (NJ)	McIntyre
Berkley	Gerlach	McKeon
Berry	Gilchrest	McMorris
Biggart	Gillmor	McNulty
Bilirakis	Gingrey	Meehan
Bishop (GA)	Gohmert	Meek (FL)
Bishop (NY)	Gonzalez	Meeks (NY)
Blackburn	Goode	Melancon
Blumenauer	Goodlatte	Mica
Blunt	Gordon	Michaud
Boehlert	Granger	Miller (FL)
Boehner	Graves	Miller (MI)
Bonilla	Green, Al	Miller (NC)
Bonner	Green, Gene	Miller, Gary
Bono	Grijalva	Miller, George
Boozman	Gutknecht	Mollohan
Boren	Hall	Moore (KS)
Boswell	Hart	Moore (WI)
Boucher	Hastings (FL)	Moran (KS)
Boustany	Hastings (WA)	Murphy
Bradley (NH)	Hayes	Murtha
Brady (PA)	Hayworth	Musgrave
Brown (SC)	Hensarling	Myrick
Brown-Waite,	Herger	Nadler
Ginny	Higgins	Napolitano
Burgess	Hinche	Neal (MA)
Burton (IN)	Hobson	Neugebauer
Butterfield	Holden	Ney
Buyer	Holt	Northup
Calvert	Hoolley	Norwood
Camp (MI)	Hoyer	Nunes
Campbell (CA)	Hulshof	Obestar
Cantor	Hunter	Obey
Capito	Hyde	Olver
Capps	Inglis (SC)	Osborne
Capuano	Inslee	Otter
Cardin	Israel	Owens
Cardoza	Jackson (IL)	Pallone
Carnahan	Jenkins	Pascarell
Castle	Jindal	Pastor
Chabot	Johnson (CT)	Payne
Chandler	Johnson (IL)	Pearce
Chocoma	Johnson, E. B.	Pelosi
Cleaver	Jones (NC)	Pence
Clyburn	Jones (OH)	Peterson (MN)
Coble	Kanjorski	Peterson (PA)
Cole (OK)	Kaptur	Petri
Conaway	Keller	Pickering
Conyers	Kelly	Pitts
Cooper	Kennedy (MN)	Platts
Costa	Kennedy (RI)	Poe
Cramer	Kildee	Pombo
Crenshaw	Kind	Pomeroy
Crowley	King (IA)	Porter
Cubin	Kirk	Price (GA)
Cuellar	Kline	Price (NC)
Cummings	Knollenberg	Pryce (OH)
Davis (AL)	Kolbe	Putnam
Davis (IL)	Kucinich	Radanovich
Davis (KY)	Kuhl (NY)	Rahall
Davis (TN)	LaHood	Ramstad
Davis, Tom	Langevin	Rangel
Deal (GA)	Lantos	Regula
DeFazio	Larsen (WA)	Rehberg
DeGette	Larson (CT)	Reichert
Delahunt	Latham	Reyes
DeLauro	LaTourette	Reynolds
Dent	Leach	Rogers (AL)
Diaz-Balart, L.	Lee	Rogers (MI)
Diaz-Balart, M.	Levin	Rohrabacher
Dicks	Lewis (CA)	Ros-Lehtinen
Dingell	Lewis (GA)	Ross
Doggett	Lewis (KY)	Rothman
Doolittle	Linder	Roybal-Allard
Doyle	Lipinski	Royce
Drake	LoBiondo	Ruppersberger
Dreier	Lofgren, Zoe	Ryan (OH)
Duncan	Lowey	Ryan (WI)
Edwards	Lucas	Ryun (KS)
Ehlers	Lungren, Daniel	Salazar
Emanuel	E.	