

NARFE BILL TRACKER

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ISSUE	BILL NUMBER / NAME / SPONSOR	WHAT BILL WOULD DO	LATEST ACTION(S)
HEALTH CARE	<p>H.R. 138: Access to Insurance for All Americans Act / Rep. Darrell Issa, R-CA 🟡</p> <p>Cosponsors: 0</p>	Repeals the Affordable Care Act and establishes a national health program administered by the Office of Personnel Management to offer Federal Employees Health Benefits Program plans to individuals who are not federal employees or retirees. It creates separate risk pools for federal and non-federal participants.	Referred to nine House committees
	<p>H.R. 2175: FEHBP Prescription Drug Oversight and Cost Savings Act / Rep. Stephen F. Lynch, D-MA 🟢</p> <p>Cosponsors: 2 (D)</p>	Provides the Office of Personnel Management greater oversight authority over the prescription drug contracting and pricing methods of the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
SICK LEAVE FOR WOUNDED VETERANS	<p>H.R. 313: Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act / Rep. Stephen F. Lynch, D-MA 🟢</p> <p>Cosponsors: 27 (D), 6 (R)</p>	Entitles any federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more, during the 12-month period beginning on the first day of employment, up to 104 hours of leave, without loss or reduction in pay, for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for the disability for which sick leave could regularly be used. Requires the forfeiture of any of the leave that is not used during the 12-month period.	Approved by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on 1/27/15
	<p>S. 242: Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act / Sen. Jon Tester, D-MT 🟢</p> <p>Cosponsors: 1 (R)</p>		Approved by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on 3/4/15
FEDERAL COMPENSATION	<p>H.R. 304: The Federal Adjustment of Income Rates (FAIR) Act / Rep. Gerald E. Connolly, D-VA 🟢</p> <p>Cosponsors: 68 (D)</p>	Provides for a 3.8 percent pay raise for federal employees in 2016.	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
	<p>S. 164: The Federal Adjustment of Income Rates (FAIR) Act / Sen. Brian Schatz, D-HI 🟢</p> <p>Cosponsors: 5 (D)</p>		Referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
	<p>H.R. 485: Wage Grade Employee Parity Act / Rep. Matt Cartwright, D-PA 🟢</p> <p>Cosponsors: 9 (D), 3 (R)</p>	The president has the ability to provide a pay raise for federal employees on the General Schedule. He does not have the same authority for Wage Grade, or hourly, employees, whose raises must be authorized by Congress. H.R. 485 would give the president that authority.	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

NARFE's Position: 🟢 Support 🟡 Oppose 🟠 No position

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FEDERAL COMPENSATION	H.R. 785: The Federal Employee Pension Fairness Act / Rep. Donna Edwards, D-MD 🇺🇸 Cosponsors: 20 (D)	Repeals laws passed in 2012 and 2013 that increased the Federal Employees Retirement System contributions for newly hired federal employees.	Referred to three House committees <i>narfe</i> , April 2015
POSTAL REFORM	H.Res. 12: Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of its six-day delivery services / Rep. Sam Graves, R-MO 🇺🇸 Cosponsors: 150 (D), 41 (R)	Expresses the sense of the House that the U.S. Postal Service should maintain six-day mail delivery. As a resolution, it will not be sent to the president and, therefore, cannot become law.	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
	H.R. 784: Protect Overnight Delivery Act / Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-CT 🇺🇸 Cosponsors: 95 (D), 3 (R)	Repeals the service standards for market-dominant products implemented by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) on January 5, 2015, and directs the USPS to reinstate the service standards that were in effect on December 31, 2011.	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
CAMPAIGN FINANCE	H.R. 20: The Government By the People Act / Rep. John Sarbanes, D-MD 🇺🇸 Cosponsors: 146 (D), 1 (R)	Reforms campaign finance laws to put small donors to political campaigns on par with wealthier donors. Provides a tax credit for campaign contributions and government matching contributions.	Referred to three House committees
GPO/WEP	H.R. 973: Social Security Fairness Act of 2015 / Rep. Rodney Davis, R-IL 🇺🇸 Cosponsors: 81 (D), 21 (R)	Repeals both the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means <i>narfe</i> , May 2015
PAID PARENTAL LEAVE	H.R. 532: Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act / Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-NY 🇺🇸 Cosponsors: 52 (D), 1 (R)	Allows federal employees six weeks of paid leave for the birth or adoption of a child.	Referred to the House Committees on Administration, and Oversight and Government Reform <i>narfe</i> , May 2015

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ees Retirement System (FERS) and, consequently, ignored the impact of Thrift Savings Plan savings and Social Security benefits available to those who have a career under FERS.

Howie noted that the administration's proposal was prospective

only and would apply to new injuries and new claims of disability after enactment and would not affect the FECA benefits of those already in the system.

Subcommittee Chair Tim Walberg, R-MI, summed up by reflecting on the human side of

efforts to reform FECA, citing "people and numbers" as the competing forces at work. He urged bipartisan cooperation in considering reforms that serve those injured and also "more effectively use taxpayer dollars." 🇺🇸

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