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ACTION

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Last Day: January 4

December 28, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
 FROM: KEN COLE
 SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 10212
Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital

Attached for your consideration is H.R. 10212, sponsored by Representative Ichord and eight others, which designates the VA hospital in Columbia, Missouri as the "Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital" and would authorize the VA Administrator to provide a suitable memorial at the hospital.

The bill also includes an amendment increasing VA vocational rehabilitation and apprenticeship on-the-job training benefits.

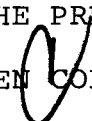
OMB recommends approval and provides additional background information in its enrolled bill report (Tab A).

Max Friedersdorf (Loen) and Phil Areeda both recommend approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign H.R. 10212 (Tab B).

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

DEC 26 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 10212 - Harry S. Truman
Memorial Veterans Hospital
Sponsor - Rep. Ichord (D) Missouri and 8 others

Last Day for Action

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Purpose

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Agency Recommendations

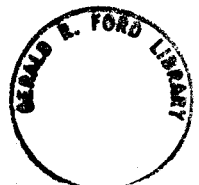
Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Veterans Administration	Approval

Discussion

Harry S. Truman Hospital. H.R. 10212 would designate the VA hospital in Columbia, Missouri as the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital and would authorize the VA Administrator to provide a suitable memorial at the hospital.

In their reports on H.R. 10212, the Senate and House Veterans Committees noted that enactment of the bill would represent only the fifth time the Congress has seen fit to name a VA hospital in memory of an individual. The usual practice of the VA is to name its hospitals for the locality in which each is located.

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VA supports this provision of H.R. 10212.

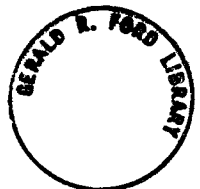
Benefit Increase. The Senate attached a rider to H.R. 10212 which would, effective January 1, 1975, provide an approximately 4.0 percent across-the-board increase in monthly assistance rates for service-disabled veterans receiving vocational rehabilitation benefits as well as for veterans and their dependents who are receiving apprenticeship and on-the-job training benefits.

These veterans received an 18.2 percent increase in their benefits in the Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, P.L. 93-508, enacted on December 3, 1974 over your veto. However, veteran trainees receiving regular GI bill monthly educational benefits received a 22.7 percent increase under that law. The purpose of the rider in H.R. 10212 is to equalize the rate increases granted all beneficiaries.

The difference in the two rates provided by P.L. 93-508 resulted from a parliamentary procedural objection in the House. The original conference report on P.L. 93-508 provided for a 22.7 percent benefit increase for all veterans receiving education, vocational rehabilitation and on-the-job training assistance. Following a point of order objection that the 22.7 percent increase for vocational rehabilitation and on-the-job training beneficiaries exceeded the parameters of both the House and Senate-passed bills, both houses agreed to provide a 22.7 percent increase for regular educational benefits and an 18.2 percent increase for the group of veterans affected by H.R. 10212. According to floor statements by the chairmen of the Senate and House Veterans Committees, the conferees unanimously agreed at that time to sponsor separate, independent legislation to equalize the rates for these veterans.

In its report on the enrolled bill, VA states:

"Traditionally the Congress, in approving rate increases for education and training programs, has provided equal treatment for all types of training. We do not perceive any valid reason why the veterans and eligible persons who would benefit from this proposal should not receive parity with the legislative increases provided by Public Law 93-508. To do otherwise would be discriminatory."



VA states, further, that the increase provided in H.R. 10212 is desirable since it would serve to reduce the increased administrative expenses resulting from the two different rates under P.L. 93-508.

VA estimates the added cost of the benefit increase at \$6.7 million for fiscal year 1975 and \$10.0 million for fiscal year 1976.

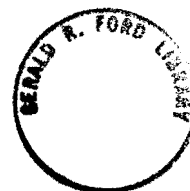
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We believe there are valid reasons for maintaining the lower 18.2 percent benefit increase for veterans and their dependents who receive vocational rehabilitation and on-the-job training allowances in view of the fact that this group, unlike the regular GI bill veterans, receives reimbursement for books, supplies and equipment in addition to monthly subsistence allowances.

We recognize, however, that Congress has traditionally tended to grant equal rate increases for disabled and non-disabled veterans. Moreover the added costs entailed in providing the increases in H.R. 10212 are not substantial.

Accordingly, we concur with VA in recommending your approval of the enrolled bill.


Acting Director





VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20420

December 20, 1974

The Honorable
Roy L. Ash
Director, Office of
Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Ash:

This will respond to the request of the Assistant Director for Legislative Reference for the views and recommendations of the Veterans Administration on the enrolled enactment of H. R. 10212, 93d Congress.

Under Title I of the enrolled enactment, the Veterans Administration Hospital at Columbia, Missouri, would be designated as the "Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital." In addition, a suitable memorial would be provided at the hospital to preserve the remembrance of Harry S. Truman.

On October 4, 1973, we informed the Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, House of Representatives, that, in view of the late President Truman's long and dedicated service to our Nation, it is quite understandable that consideration should be given to honoring him in this fashion. We stated that we felt that it would be most appropriate for Congress to make the determination in this regard. We are happy to see that Congress has made the determination and agree wholeheartedly.

Title II of the enrolled enactment amends title 38, United States Code, to provide educational and training benefit increases amounting to 3.8 percent for veterans



pursuing vocational rehabilitation, flight, less than half-time, correspondence, and on-job and apprentice training programs; for wives and widows pursuing cooperative, less than half-time, correspondence and on-job and apprentice training programs; for children pursuing cooperative, less than half-time, on-job and apprentice and special restorative training programs; and for servicemen on active duty who are pursuing PREP or other education programs.

At the time Public Law 93-508 was enacted on December 3, 1974, benefit increases amounting to 22.7 percent were provided most veterans and dependents pursuing programs of education or training under the GI Bill and the War Orphans' and Widows' Educational Assistance Act. However, because of parliamentary procedural considerations, those individuals pursuing programs who would be benefited by this proposal were granted increases amounting to only 18.2 percent. The purpose of the enrolled enactment would be to equalize, effective January 1, 1975, the overall rate increases which were granted by Public Law 93-508 and bring these beneficiaries to a par with the 22.7 percent increase awarded in the earlier law.

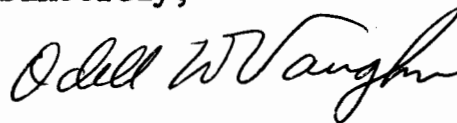
Traditionally the Congress, in approving rate increases for education and training programs, has provided equal treatment for all types of training. We do not perceive any valid reason why the veterans and eligible persons who would benefit from this proposal should not receive parity with the legislative increases provided by Public Law 93-508. To do otherwise would be discriminatory. The proposed increases are considered desirable and would serve to reduce the increased administrative expenses imposed under current law.

Enactment of Title I would not result in any significant cost impact. Title II, however, would result in an estimated additional direct benefits cost of \$6.7

million the first fiscal year and in an estimated additional direct benefits cost of \$41.4 million over the first 5 fiscal years.

For the foregoing reasons, I recommend that the President approve H. R. 10212.

Sincerely,



Deputy Administrator - in the absence of

RICHARD L. ROUDEBUSH
Administrator

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 27, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN HENDRIKS
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF
SUBJECT: Action Memorandum - Log No. 847
Enrolled Bill HR 10212
Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs in the attached proposal and has no additional recommendations.

Attachment



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

DEC 26 1974

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Last Day for Action

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To
Harry N. ...
12-26-74
1:00 p.m.

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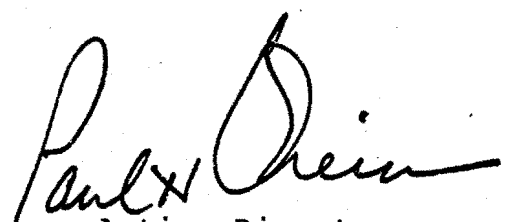
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We recognize, however, that Congress has traditionally tended to grant equal rate increases for disabled and non-disabled veterans. Moreover the added costs entailed in providing the increases in H.R. 10212 are not substantial.

Accordingly, we concur with VA in recommending your approval of the enrolled bill.


Acting Director

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: 447

Date: December 26, 1974

Time: 5:00 p.m.

FOR ACTION: ~~Vogel~~ Semerad *ad.*
 Max Friedersdorf *ok*
 Phil Areeda *no ok*

cc (for information): Warren Hendriks
 Jerry Jones

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Monday, December 30

Time: noon

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Bill H.R. 10212 - Harry S. Truman
 Memorial Veterans Hospital

ACTION REQUESTED:

 For Necessary Action For Your Recommendations Prepare Agenda and Brief Draft Reply For Your Comments Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please return to Judy Johnston, Ground Floor, West Wing.

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

K. R. COLE, JR.
 For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: 847

Date: December 26, 1974

Time: 5:00 p.m.

FOR ACTION: Roger Semerad ✓
Max Friedersdorf
Phil Areeda

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For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

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Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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*I recommend signing HR 10212
Togelbaum 12/27/74*



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*No objection
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Warren K. Hendriks
For the President

NAMING OF VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL AT COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, FOR HARRY S. TRUMAN

JULY 29, 1974.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of
the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. TEAGUE, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, submitted
the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 10212]

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 10212) to designate the Veterans' Administration hospital in Columbia, Missouri, as the "Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital", and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon, by unanimous voice vote, without amendment, and recommend that the bill do pass.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

The bill would designate the Veterans Administration hospital in Columbia, Missouri, which was dedicated on June 16, 1972, as the "Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital" and the Administrator of Veterans Affairs would be authorized to provide such memorial at the above-named hospital as he may deem suitable to preserve the remembrance of the late Harry S. Truman.

BIOGRAPHY OF HARRY S. TRUMAN

Harry S. Truman, 33rd President of the United States, was truly a Missourian in every sense of the word. He was born at Lamar, Missouri on May 8, 1884. He attended public schools in Independence, Missouri and after an illustrious military career in World War I, from which he was discharged as a Major, he returned to Missouri and after a few years became presiding judge of the Jackson County Court.

Mr. Truman was first elected to the United States Senate from Missouri in 1934 and was reelected in 1940. In 1944 he was nominated

for Vice President on the ticket with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and was elected. On President Roosevelt's sudden death Mr. Truman was sworn in as President by Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone on April 12, 1945 and, notwithstanding almost nationwide unanimity among the polls predicting his defeat, Mr. Truman was elected for a full term as President in 1948.

President Truman supported the Marshall Plan, ECA, the rehabilitation of Greece and arming of Turkey, and NATO, naming General of the Army Eisenhower to the supreme command in Europe. He opened the United Nations conference by radio and participated with Stalin and Attlee in the Potsdam Agreement. He authorized the first use of an atomic bomb (Hiroshima, Aug. 6; Nagasaki, Aug. 9, 1945). He supported a policy of compromise between Chiang Kai-shek and the Chinese Communists. When the Communists attacked in Korea, June, 1950, and the UN asked for armed aid he ordered General of the Army MacArthur to give it, but when MacArthur opposed his policy of limited objectives he removed him.

President Truman established the Office of Defense Mobilization in 1950, instituted controls of materials and prices. He won a higher minimum wage, increased social security and aid for housing. In 1952 he ordered seizure of steel companies, which had refused demands of CIO and WSB, and when overruled by the U.S. Supreme Court refused to use the Taft-Hartley law. He rebuilt the White House. He retired to Independence, Missouri, and wrote his memoirs. The Harry S. Truman Library, containing his letters and documents, was given by the city of Independence and friends to National Archives in 1957.

Mr. Truman died in Independence, Missouri on December 26, 1972 at the age of 88.

JUSTIFICATION FOR BILL

While it is not the general practice to name Veterans' Administration hospitals for individuals, there are exceptions. The first hospital named (under Public Law 93, 79th Congress) was for Royal C. Johnson, the first chairman of the Committee on World War Veteran Legislation. That hospital is located at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. By Public Law 79-189 the hospital at Montrose, New York, was designated as the "President Franklin Delano Roosevelt VA Hospital." By Public Law 91-421, the hospital and domiciliary complex at Bonham, Texas, was designated as the "Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans' Center." Finally, in December, 1971 by Public Law 92-183, the new hospital at San Antonio, Texas, was designated as the "Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans' Hospital."

The Committee notes that this bill represents bipartisan sponsorship of almost the entire Missouri delegation and finds of interest the following observation made by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs in his report on the legislation:

In view of the late President Truman's long and dedicated service to our Nation, it is quite understandable that consideration should be given to honoring him in this fashion. We feel, therefore, that it would be most appropriate for Congress to make the determination on this bill.

COST

There would be no additional expense to the Treasury as a result of the enactment of the first section of the bill. When implemented by the Administrator, Section 2 will perhaps involve some expense but it is obvious that it would be relatively insignificant.

AGENCY REPORT

The Veterans Administration report on H.R. 10212 follows:

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,
OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C., October 4, 1973.

HON. WM. JENNINGS BRYAN DORN,
*Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This will respond to your request for a report by the Veterans' Administration on H.R. 10212, 93d Congress, a bill to designate the Veterans' Administration hospital in Columbia, Mo., as the "Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital," and for other purposes.

While the purpose of section one of the bill is stated in the title, section two of the bill would authorize the Administrator to provide such a memorial at the hospital as he deems suitable to preserve the remembrance of the late President.

It is the usual practice of the Veterans' Administration to name its hospitals for the locality in which each is located, and not for individuals. This long-standing policy has been based upon the realization that a fair basis of selection would be difficult, that controversy might result in some instances, and that persons or organizations whose candidates were not chosen would be disappointed.

Veterans' Administration hospitals named by Congress, of course, are not subject to this administrative policy and four have been so named. They are the Royal C. Johnson Veterans' Memorial Hospital (Public Law 93, 79th Congress, June 29, 1945), the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Hospital (Public Law 189, 79th Congress, September 26, 1945), the Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans' Center (Public Law 91-421, September 25, 1970), and the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Hospital (Public Law 92-182, December 15, 1971).

In view of the late President Truman's long and dedicated service to our Nation, it is quite understandable that consideration should be given to honoring him in this fashion. We feel, therefore, that it would be most appropriate for Congress to make the determination on this bill.

In a report to the chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs; on an identical 93d Congress bill, we were advised by the Office of Management and Budget that there was no objection to the presentation of that report from the standpoint of the administration's program.

Sincerely,

DONALD E. JOHNSON,
Administrator.

93D CONGRESS }
2d Session }

SENATE

{ REPORT
No. 93-1326

NAMING OF VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL
AT COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, FOR HARRY S. TRUMAN

REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS
UNITED STATES SENATE
TO ACCOMPANY
H.R. 10212



DECEMBER 11, 1974.—Ordered to be printed

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93D CONGRESS }
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SENATE

{ REPORT
No. 93-1326

NAMING OF VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL AT COLUMBIA, MO., FOR HARRY S. TRUMAN

DECEMBER 11, 1974.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. HARTKE, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 10212]

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 10212) to designate the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Columbia, Mo., as the "Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital", and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with amendments and recommends that the bill, as amended, do pass.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The amendments are as follows:

Strike out all after the exacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

TITLE I—DESIGNATING THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL AT COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS THE "HARRY S. TRUMAN MEMORIAL VETERANS' HOSPITAL"

SEC. 101. The Veterans' Administration hospital at Columbia, Missouri, shall hereafter be known and designated as the "Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital". Any reference to such hospital in any law, regulation, document, record, or other paper of the United States shall be deemed a reference to it as the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital.

SEC. 102. The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to provide such memorial at the above-named hospital as he may deem suitable to preserve the remembrance of the late Harry S. Truman.

**TITLE II—VETERANS' EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION
EQUALIZATION AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1974**

SEC. 201. This title may be cited as the "Veterans' Education and Rehabilitation Equalization Amendments Act of 1974".

SEC. 202. The table contained in section 1504(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV	Column V
Type of training	No dependents	One dependent	Two dependents	More than two dependents
				The amount in column IV, plus the following for each dependent in excess of two:
Institutional:				
Full-time.....	\$209	\$250	\$304	\$22
Three-quarter-time.....	157	194	229	17
Half-time.....	105	130	152	11
Farm cooperative, apprentice, or other on-job training:				
Full-time.....	182	220	254	17".

SEC. 203. Chapter 34 of title 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(a) by striking out in the last sentence of section 1677(b) "\$260" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$270";

(b) by striking out in section 1682(b) "\$260" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$270"; and

(c) by striking out in section 1696(b) "\$260" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$270".

SEC. 204. Chapter 35 of title 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(a) by striking out in section 1732(b) "\$209" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$217"; and

(b) by amending section 1742(a) to read as follows:

"(a) While the eligible person is enrolled in and pursuing a full-time course of special restorative training, the parent or guardian shall be entitled to receive on behalf of such person a special training allowance computed at the basic rate of \$270 per month. If the charges for tuition and fees applicable to any such course are more than \$85 per calendar month, the basic monthly allowance may be increased by the amount that such charges exceed \$85 a month, upon election by the parent or guardian of the eligible person to have such person's period of entitlement reduced by one day for each \$9.02 that the special training allowance paid exceeds the basic monthly allowance."

SEC. 205. Chapter 36 of title 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(a) by striking out in section 1786(a)(2) "\$260" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$270"; and

(b) by amending the table contained in paragraph (1) of section 1787(b) to read as follows:

"Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV	Column V
Periods of training	No dependents	One dependent	Two dependents	More than two dependents
				The amount in column IV, plus the following for each dependent in excess of two:
First 6 months.....	\$196	\$220	\$240	\$10
Second 6 months.....	147	171	191	10
Third 6 months.....	98	122	142	10
Fourth and any succeeding 6-month periods.....	49	73	93	10".

Sec. 206. The provisions of this title shall become effective on January 1, 1975.

Amend the title so as to read:

"An act to designate the Veterans' Administration hospital in Columbia, Missouri, as the 'Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital'; to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rates of vocational rehabilitation, educational assistance, and special training allowances paid to certain veterans and persons; and for other purposes."

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Harry S. Truman Memorial Hospital

Title I of this bill would designate the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Columbia, Missouri as the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital. The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs would be authorized to provide a memorial at the hospital which he deems suitable to preserve the memory of the late Harry S. Truman. Title I of H.R. 10212 is identical to S. 2006 introduced on June 15, 1973 by Chairman Hartke, for himself and Senators Symington and Eagleton. A hearing was held on S. 2006 on September 26, 1974. Testimony was received from Senator Eagleton, representatives of the Veterans' Administration, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Although enactment of this title would represent only the fifth time the Congress has seen fit to name a Veterans' Administration medical facility in memory of an individual. The Committee believes that it is fully warranted. Mr. Truman's memory deserves this honor not only because he served during World War I as a courageous and respected artillery captain, but because as President he exhibited a continuing concern over the welfare of his fellow veterans. President Truman was instrumental in the implementation and development of a comprehensive system of benefits and services that have assisted the veterans and survivors of three major wars. As President, from April 1945 to December 1952, Harry S. Truman signed into law several significant pieces of veterans legislation. For example, during his Administration, the Department of Medicine and Surgery of the Veterans' Administration was established and major liberalization increases in benefits for education, compensation, and pension were enacted. In addition, a major revision of the National Service Life Insurance Program was accomplished and the Korean war GI bill was enacted.

In their testimony before the Committee, the Veterans of Foreign Wars noted that President Truman "maintained a continuing relationship with his comrade in arms right up to the time of his death." The VFW further noted that as United States Senator, Vice President and President, he participated in the approval of a large number of veterans benefits to which veterans are entitled and concluded that "Harry Truman has left a lasting contribution to all veterans and their dependents, and they are extremely grateful."

Testimony by the American Legion noted that Missouri, where the VA hospital at Columbia is located, was the home state of President Truman and that:

Throughout all of his life, following his military service, he was an active member of The American Legion, a fact which denoted his pride in being a veteran of the United States Armed Forces. Additionally, throughout his long career in public life, President Truman displayed concern for the welfare of his fellow veterans. His public career was illustrious, and he served with distinction as President of the United States. In all of his life he was a model for emulation by his fellow citizens, and his memory is loved, revered and respected by all Americans. Therefore, we of The American Legion can conceive of no more appropriate Memorial to President Truman than that a veterans hospital, located in his home state, should bear his name.

In recognition of his contributions to the veteran and his dependents, the Committee deems it proper and fitting that the excellent Veterans' Administration hospital in Columbia, Missouri, be named after Harry S. Truman.

This hospital is one of four Veterans' Administration hospitals in Mr. Truman's home state and one of the newest in the Nation. Built in 1971, it has 464 operating beds, of which 58 are for nursing care and 120 are for neuropsychiatric use, the remainder for general medicine and surgery. It is affiliated with the University of Missouri and its schools of medicine and nursing, participating in a superb sharing agreement in medical programs that include pathology and radiology. This hospital is a facility which does honor to a man who as President of the United States, said:

The chief responsibility of the Government is to give medical care to veterans who have been injured in the service, to assist them to assume their place in society as productive and self-reliant citizens, and to give necessary aid to families of veterans deceased or injured from service causes. We should also provide other demobilized servicemen with timely readjustment assistance on a sound basis.

While it is not the general practice to name Veterans' Administration hospitals for individuals, there are exceptions. The first hospital named was for Royal C. Johnson, the first Chairman of the Committee on World War Veterans Legislation. By Public Law 79-189, the hospital at Montrose, New York, was designated as the "President Franklin Delano Roosevelt VA Hospital". In 1970, the hospital and domiciliary complex at Bonham, Texas, was designated by Public Law 91-421, as the "Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans' Center". Finally, the new hospital in San Antonio, Texas, was named the "Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans' Hospital" by Public Law 92-183.

Veterans' Education and Rehabilitation Equalization Amendments Act of 1974

Public Law 93-508 (H.R. 12628), which was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress, provided a 22.7 percent increase in the monthly rates in the training assistance allowance for eligible veterans

under chapter 34 and for eligible wives, widows, and children training under chapter 35. (The monthly allowance for a single veteran with no dependents was increased from \$220 to \$270.) However, the vocational rehabilitation subsistence allowance under chapter 31 and the apprenticeship/on-the-job monthly training assistance allowance were only increased by 18.2 percent. (The monthly allowance for a veteran with no dependents was increased from \$220 to \$260.)

There are 398,000 disabled Vietnam era veterans. The Committee is greatly concerned with their welfare since these veterans are, and will continue to be, the group most severely affected from their military service. Traditionally, these disabled veterans have received at least the same increase in the rates of veterans' benefits as veterans training under chapter 34.

The original conference report to H.R. 12628, filed on August 19, 1974, provided for a similar 22.7 percent increase for chapter 31 veterans. This conference report cleared the Senate. A parliamentary point of order, objecting to the increase of 22.7 percent for chapter 31 veterans in the report raised on the floor of the House of Representatives on the ground that it exceeded the parameters of both the House and Senate passed bill. This point of order was sustained.

When the second conference report was agreed upon, the conferees were most concerned that the agreed compromise contain no provisions that could, by parliamentary objection, prevent further consideration of the measure. Therefore, it was decided that the increase for chapter 31 trainees be set at 18.2 percent, a figure that did not exceed the rate in either the original House or Senate passed version.

At the same time, the conferees unanimously agreed to sponsor separate, independent legislation to increase the chapter 31 allowances again in order to equalize the rates for those veterans with the 22.7 percent increase given to chapter 34 veterans by Public Law 93-508. In response to concern expressed by the Disabled American Veterans, Chairman Hartke sent the following letter to Charles L. Huber, National Director of Legislation:

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C., October 8, 1974.

MR. CHARLES HUBER,
Disabled American Veterans,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CHET: This letter is in response to your inquiry concerning the second conference report to H.R. 12628, the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974.

As you will recall the original conference report, filed on August 19, 1974, provided for a 22.7 percent increase in chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation benefits. Although the conference report cleared the Senate, a parliamentary point of order raised by Representative H. R. Gross to the chapter 31 increases was sustained in the House, which prevented further consideration of the agreement.

In reaching agreement on a second conference report, the conferees were most concerned that the agreed compromise contain no provision which could be subject to point of order which would prevent further action. As such, the agreement provides that chapter 31 increases (as well as increases in the apprenticeship/on-the-job program) will be

set at 18.6 percent, a figure which does not exceed that set in either the original House or Senate passed versions of H.R. 12628.

At the same time the conferees recognized that traditionally the same percentage increases had been provided across the board for all those in training. Accordingly, to continue this tradition as well as to avoid any parliamentary complications, the conferees unanimously agreed to sponsor separate, independent legislation to further increase chapter 31 and other allowances to 22.7 percent. As you are probably aware, the ranking minority member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Representative John Paul Hammerschmidt, recently introduced H.R. 17028 to accomplish this purpose.

I would expect that final Congressional action to further increase chapter 31 benefits would immediately follow dispositions on H.R. 12628.

I hope this letter clarifies and answers any questions you may have had with respect to the conference report. If I may be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

VANCE HARTKE, *Chairman.*

Consequently, title II has been added to H.R. 10212 in order to fulfill this pledge.

COST ESTIMATES

In accordance with section 252(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-510, 91st Congress) the Committee, based upon information supplied by the Veterans' Administration, estimates that there will be no additional cost as a result of the enactment of the first section of this title. Section 2 of title I authorizes a memorial that will have an insignificant cost impact when implemented by the Administrator. Title II costs, also based on information supplied by the Veterans' Administration, will result in fiscal year 1975 cost of \$6.7 million and a first full-year cost of \$10 million, decreasing to \$7.5 million in the fifth year, all as reflected in the following table:

TABLE 1.—*Cost estimates of title II of H.R. 10212, as reported*

Fiscal year:	Cost (million)
1975.....	\$6.7
1976.....	10.0
1977.....	9.0
1978.....	8.2
1979.....	7.5

TABULATION OF VOTES CAST IN COMMITTEE

Pursuant to section 133(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended, the following is a tabulation of votes cast in person or by proxy of the Members of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs on a motion to report H.R. 10212, with amendments, favorably to the Senate:

Yeas—9

Vance Hartke	Clifford P. Hansen
Herman E. Talmadge	Strom Thurmond
Jennings Randolph	Robert T. Stafford
Harold E. Hughes	James A. McClure
Alan Cranston	

Nays—0

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF AND EXPLANATION OF H.R. 10212,
AS REPORTED

TITLE I—DESIGNATING THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL AT COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS THE HARRY S. TRUMAN MEMORIAL VETERANS' HOSPITAL

Section 101

This section directs that the Veterans' Administration Hospital at Columbia, Missouri, shall be designated as the "Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital" and all references to that hospital by the Federal Government shall so indicate the name change.

Section 102

This section authorizes the Administrator to provide a suitable memorial at the Columbia, Missouri, VA Hospital to preserve the remembrance of Harry S. Truman.

TITLE II—VETERANS' EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION EQUALIZATION AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1974

Section 201

This section provides that this title be cited as the "Veterans' Education and Rehabilitation Equalization Amendments Act of 1974".

Section 202

This section amends the subsistence allowance table in section 1504(b) of title 38, United States Code, to provide a 3.8 percent across-the-board increase in the monthly subsistence allowance rates for chapter 31 trainees, which is in addition to the 18.2 percent rate increases provided by Public Law 93-508. The full-time institutional rate for a veteran with no dependents would be increased from \$189 to \$209 a month. For a veteran with one dependent, the rate per month would be increased to \$259; with two dependents to \$304; and \$22 would be added for each dependent in excess of two.

This 3.8 percent increase now places chapter 31 veterans in parity with the 22.7 percent increase in rates provided to chapter 34 veterans by Public Law 93-508.

Section 203

This section amends chapter 34 of title 38, United States Code, to provide a 3.8 percent increase in the rates for persons in flight training, on active duty, or under the Predischarge Education Program under this chapter in addition to the 18.2 percent rate increase provided by Public Law 93-508. This section now equalizes the rate increase of those persons with other chapter 34 veterans who received a 22.7 percent rate increase by that law.

Subsection (a) amends section 1677(b) to provide a 3.8 percent increase in the flight training program assistance. Under existing law, the Veterans' Administration pays 90 percent of the cost of such course. Accordingly, the period of entitlement of any veteran will be reduced one month for each \$270 (currently \$260) paid to a veteran for such flight course training.

Subsection (b) amends section 1682(b), relating to the pursuit of a program of education while on active duty or on less than a half-time basis, by providing for a 3.8 percent increase.

Subsection (c) amends section 1696(b) to provide a 3.8 percent increase in the maximum of educational assistance allowances payable under the Predischarge Education Program (PREP).

Section 204

This section amends chapter 35 of title 38, United States Code, to provide a 3.8 percent increase in the rates for certain persons training under this chapter in addition to the 18.2 percent rate increase they received by Public Law 93-508. That law provided a 22.7 percent increase to qualified wives, widows, and children in business training or in special restorative training.

Subsection (a) amends section 1732(b) to provide a 3.8 percent increase in the monthly educational assistance allowance rates to eligible persons pursuing a full-time course of training in a business or industrial establishment with the training in the establishment being strictly supplemental to the institution portion. The monthly allowance rate is raised from \$209 to \$217.

Subsection (b) amends section 1742(a) to increase the special restorative training assistance allowance by 3.8 percent from \$260 to \$270 a month payable to the parent or guardian of the child in need of such training. In addition, if the tuition and fees applicable for any course are more than \$85 (presently \$82) per calendar month, the basic monthly allowance may be increased by the amount that such charges exceed that monthly figure if the parent or guardian elects to have the entitlement reduced by one day for each \$9.02 (presently \$8.69) that the special training allowance paid exceeds the basic monthly allowance.

Section 205

This section amends chapter 36 of title 38, United States Code, to provide a 3.8 percent rate increase to veterans pursuing correspondence, apprenticeship, or on-job training in addition to the 18.2 percent increase already provided by Public Law 93-508 to equalize the rate increase of 22.7 percent given to chapter 34 veterans by that law.

Subsection (a) amends section 1787(a), authorizing the pursuit of an education by correspondence, to provide an increase in the benefits consistent with other increases in educational assistance allowances made by this bill. Accordingly, the period of entitlement of any veteran or other eligible person shall be reduced by one month for each \$270 (currently \$260) paid to the veteran or person for such course.

Subsection (b) amends the table contained in paragraph (1) of section 1787(b) to reflect a 3.8 percent increase in the monthly training assistance allowance payable to veterans or other eligible persons pursuing a full-time program of apprenticeship or other on-job training programs. For a veteran with no dependents, the monthly assistance allowance for the first six months of training is increased from \$189 to \$196. Married veterans would receive \$220, up from the current rate of \$212. The addition of a child boosts the rates from \$232 to \$240, with \$10 for each additional dependent. The training allowances for the second and third 6-month periods would

be increased respectively to \$147 and \$98 from the current allowance of \$142 and \$95. The assistance rates for the fourth or any succeeding 6-month period would be increased from \$47 to \$49. Proportionate increases for veterans with dependents training after the first 6-month period would also be provided.

Section 206

This section provides that the provisions of this title shall become effective on January 1, 1975.

AGENCY REPORTS

The reports of the Veterans' Administration and the Office of Management and Budget to S. 2006 which is identical to title I of H.R. 10212, follow:

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,
OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C., August 27, 1973.

HON. VANCE HARTKE,
*Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This will respond to your request for a report by the Veterans' Administration on S. 2006, 93d Congress, a bill "To designate the Veterans' Administration hospital in Columbia, Missouri, as the 'Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital', and for other purposes."

It is the usual practice of the Veterans' Administration to name its hospitals for the locality in which each is located, and not for individuals. This long-standing policy has been based upon the realization that a fair basis of selection would be difficult, that controversy might result in some instances, and that persons or organizations whose candidates were not chosen would be disappointed.

Veterans' Administration hospitals named by Congress, of course, are not subject to this administrative policy and four have been so named. They are the Royal C. Johnson Veterans' Memorial Hospital (Public Law 93, 79th Congress, June 29, 1945), the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Hospital (Public Law 189, 79th Congress, September 26, 1945), the Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans' Center (Public Law 421, 91st Congress, September 25, 1970), and the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Hospital (Public Law 183, 92d Congress, December 15, 1971).

Section 2 of the bill would authorize the Administrator to provide such a memorial at the hospital as he deems suitable to preserve the remembrance of the late President.

In view of the late President Truman's long and dedicated service to our Nation, it is quite understandable that consideration should be given to honoring him in this fashion. We feel, therefore, that it would be most appropriate for Congress to make the determination on this bill.

We are advised by the Office of Management and Budget that there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

DONALD E. JOHNSON, *Administrator.*

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,
Washington, D.C., August 20, 1973.

HON. VANCE HARTKE,
*Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is in response to your request of June 19, 1973 for the views of this Office on S. 2006, a bill "To designate the Veterans' Administration hospital in Columbia, Missouri, as the 'Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital', and for other purposes."

In his report to your Committee, the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs indicates that the Veterans' Administration has long followed the policy of naming its hospitals for the locality in which each is located. The Administrator further points out that Congress is, of course, not subject to this policy and that four veterans hospitals have been named for individuals by public laws enacted in 1945, 1970, and 1971.

We concur with the views expressed by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. Accordingly, we believe it would be most appropriate for Congress to make the determination on this bill.

Sincerely,

WILFRED H. ROMMEL,
Assistant Director for Legislative Reference.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL

In accordance with subsection 4 of Rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

TITLE 38—UNITED STATES CODE

PART III. READJUSTMENT AND RELATED BENEFITS

CHAPTER 31—VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

§ 1504. Subsistence allowances

(a) While pursuing a course of vocational rehabilitation training and for two months after his employability is determined, each veteran shall be paid a subsistence allowance as prescribed in this section.

(b) The subsistence allowance of a veteran-trainee is to be determined in accordance with the following table, and shall be the monthly amount shown in column II, III, IV, or V (whichever is applicable as determined by the veteran's dependency status) opposite the appropriate type of training as specified in column I:

Col. I	Col. II	Col. III	Col. IV	Col. V
Type of training	No dependents	1 dependent	2 dependents	More than 2 dependents
				The amount in col. IV, plus the following for each dependent in excess of 2:
Institutional:				
Full-time.....	\$201	\$249	\$293	\$21
Three-quarter-time.....	151	188	221	17
Half-time.....	100	125	147	11
Farm cooperative, apprentice, or other on-job training: Full-time.....	175	212	245	17

Col. I	Col. II	Col. III	Col. IV	Col. V
Type of training	No dependents	1 dependent	2 dependents	More than 2 dependents
				<i>The amount in col. IV, plus the following for each dependent in excess of 2:</i>
<i>Institutional:</i>				
<i>Full-time.....</i>	\$209	\$259	\$304	\$322
<i>Three-quarter-time.....</i>	157	194	229	17
<i>Half-time.....</i>	105	130	152	11
<i>Farm cooperative, apprentice, or other on-job training:</i>				
<i>Full-time.....</i>	182	220	254	17

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CHAPTER 34—VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

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Subchapter III—Enrollment

§ 1677. Flight training

(a) The Administrator may approve the pursuit by an eligible veteran of flight training where such training is generally accepted as necessary for the attainment of a recognized vocational objective in the field of aviation or where generally recognized as ancillary to the pursuit of a vocational endeavor other than aviation, subject to the following conditions:

(1) the eligible veteran must possess a valid private pilot's license and meet the medical requirements necessary for a commercial pilot's license; and

(2) the flight school courses must meet the Federal Aviation Administration standards and be approved both by the Agency and the appropriate State approving agency.

(b) Each eligible veteran who is pursuing a program of education consisting exclusively of flight training approved as meeting the requirements of subsection (a) hereof, shall be paid an educational assistance allowance to be computed at the rate of 90 per centum of the established charges for tuition and fees which similarly circumstanced non-veterans enrolled in the same flight course are required to pay. Such allowance shall be paid monthly upon receipt of a certification as required by section 1681 (c) of this title. In each such case the eligible veteran's period of entitlement shall be charged with one month for each **[\$260]** \$270 which is paid to the veteran as an educational assistance allowance for such course.

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Subchapter IV—Payments to Eligible Veterans; Veteran-Student Services

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§ 1682. Computation of educational assistance allowances

(a)(1) Except as provided in subsection (b), or (c) of this section, or section 1677 or 1787 of this title, while pursuing a program of edu-

cation under this chapter of half-time or more, each eligible veteran shall be paid the monthly educational assistance allowance set forth in column II, III, IV, or V (whichever is applicable as determined by the veteran's dependency status) opposite the applicable type of program as shown in column I:

Col. I	Col. II	Col. III	Col. IV	Col. V
Type of program	No dependents	1 dependent	2 dependents	More than 2 dependents
				The amount in col. IV, plus the following for each dependent in excess of 2:
Institutional:				
Full-time.....	\$270	\$321	\$366	\$22
Three-quarter-time.....	203	240	275	17
Half-time.....	135	160	182	11
Cooperative.....	217	255	289	17

(2) A "cooperative" program, other than a "farm cooperative" program, means a full-time program of education which consists of institutional courses and alternate phases of training in the business or industrial establishment with the training in the business or industrial establishment being strictly supplemental to the institutional portion.

(b) The educational assistance allowance of an individual pursuing a program education—

(1) while on active duty, or

(2) on less than a half-time basis,

shall be computed at the rate of (A) the established charges for tuition and fees which the institution requires similarly circumstanced nonveterans enrolled in the same program to pay, or (B) ~~[\$260]~~ \$270 per month for a full-time course, whichever is the lesser.

(c)(1) An eligible veteran who is enrolled in an educational institution for a "farm cooperative" program consisting of institutional agricultural courses prescheduled to fall within 44 weeks of any period of 12 consecutive months and who pursues such program on—

(A) a full-time basis (a minimum of ten clock hours per week or four hundred and forty clock hours in such year prescheduled to provide not less than eighty clock hours in any 3-month period),

(B) a three-quarter-time basis (a minimum of 7 clock hours per week), or

(C) a half-time basis (a minimum of 5 clock hours per week) shall be eligible to receive an educational assistance allowance at the appropriate rate provided in the table in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if such eligible veteran is concurrently engaged in agricultural employment which is relevant to such institutional agricultural courses as determined under standards prescribed by the Administrator. In computing the foregoing clock hour requirements there shall be included the time involved in field trips and individual and group instruction sponsored and conducted by the educational institution through a duly authorized instructor of such institution in which the veteran is enrolled.

(2) The monthly educational assistance allowance of an eligible veteran pursuing a farm cooperative program under this chapter shall be paid as set forth in column II, III, IV, or V (whichever is applicable as determined by the veteran's dependency status) opposite the basis shown in column I:

Col. I	Col. II	Col. III	Col. IV	Col. V
Basis	No dependents	1 dependent	2 dependents	More than 2 dependents
				The amount in col. IV, plus the following for each dependent in excess of 2:
Full-time.....	\$217	\$255	\$284	\$17
Three-quarter-time.....	163	191	218	13
Half-time.....	109	128	145	9

(d)(1) Notwithstanding the prohibition in section 1671 of this title prohibiting enrollment of an eligible veteran in a program of education in which such veteran has "already qualified," a veteran shall be allowed up to six months of educational assistance (or the equivalent thereof in part-time assistance) for the pursuit of refresher training to permit such veteran to update such veteran's knowledge and skills and to be instructed in the technological advances which have occurred in such veterans' field of employment during and since the period of such veteran's active military service.

(2) A veteran pursuing refresher training under this subsection shall be paid an educational assistance allowance based upon the rate prescribed in the table in subsection (a)(1) or in subsection (c)(2) of this section, whichever is applicable.

(3) The educational assistance allowance paid under the authority of this subsection shall be charged against the period of entitlement the veteran has earned pursuant to section 1661(a) of this title.

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§ 1696. Payment of educational assistance allowance

(a) The Administrator shall, under such regulations as he shall prescribe after consultation with the Secretary of Defense, pay the educational assistance allowance as computed in subsection (b) of this section to an eligible person enrolled in and pursuing (1) a course or courses offered by an educational institution (other than by correspondence) and required to receive a secondary school diploma, or (2) any deficiency, remedial, or refresher course or courses offered by an educational institution and required for or preparatory to the pursuit of an appropriate course or training program in an approved educational institution or training establishment.

(b) The educational assistance allowance of an eligible person pursuing education or training under this subchapter shall be computed at the rate of (1) the established charges for tuition and fees which the educational institution requires similarly circumstanced nonveterans enrolled in the same or a similar program to pay, and the cost of books and supplies peculiar to the course which such educational institution requires similarly circumstanced nonveterans enrolled in the same or similar program to have, or (2) **[\$260]** \$270

per month for a full-time course, whichever is the lesser. Where it is determined that there is no same program, the Administrator shall establish appropriate rates for tuition and fees designed to allow reimbursement for reasonable costs for the education or training institution.

(c) The educational assistance allowance authorized by this section shall be paid without charge to any period of entitlement earned pursuant to section 1661(a) of this title.

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CHAPTER 35—WAR ORPHANS' AND WIDOWS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

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Subchapter IV—Payments to Eligible Persons

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§ 1732. Computation of educational assistance allowance

(a)(1) The educational assistance allowance on behalf of an eligible person who is pursuing a program of education consisting of institutional courses shall be computed at the rate prescribed in section 1682 (a)(1) of this title for full-time, three-quarter-time, or half-time pursuit, as appropriate, of an institutional program by an eligible veteran with no dependents.

(2) The educational assistance allowance on behalf of an eligible person pursuing a program of education on less than a half-time basis shall be computed at the rate prescribed in section 1682(b)(2) of this title for less than half-time pursuit of an institutional program by an eligible veteran.

(b) The educational assistance allowance to be paid on behalf of an eligible person who is pursuing a full-time program of education which consists of institutional courses and alternate phases of training in a business or industrial establishment with the training in the business or industrial establishment being strictly supplemental to the institutional portion, shall be computed at the rate of **[\$209] \$217** per month.

(c)(1) An eligible person who is enrolled in an educational institution for a "farm cooperative" program consisting of institutional agricultural courses prescheduled to fall within forty-four weeks of any period of twelve consecutive months and who pursues such program on—

(A) a full-time basis (a minimum of ten clock hours per week or four hundred and forty clock hours in such year prescheduled to provide not less than eighty clock hours in any three-month period),

(B) a three-quarter-time basis (a minimum of seven clock hours per week), or

(C) a half-time basis (a minimum of five clock hours per week), shall be eligible to receive an educational assistance allowance at the appropriate rate provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if such eligible person is concurrently engaged in agricultural employment which is relevant to such institutional agricultural courses as determined under standards prescribed by the Ad-

ministrator. In computing the foregoing clock hour requirements there shall be included the time involved in field trips and individual and group instruction sponsored and conducted by the educational institution through a duly authorized instructor of such institution in which the person is enrolled.

(2) The monthly educational assistance allowance to be paid on behalf of an eligible person pursuing a farm cooperative program under this chapter shall be computed at the rate prescribed in section 1682 (c)(2) of this title for full-time, three-quarter-time, or half-time pursuit, as appropriate, of a farm cooperative program by an eligible veteran with no dependents.

If a program of education is pursued by an eligible person at an institution located in the Republic of the Philippines, the educational assistance allowance computed for such person under this section shall be paid at a rate in Philippine pesos equivalent to \$0.50 for each dollar.

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Subchapter V—Special Restorative Training

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§1742. Special training allowance

(a) While the eligible person is enrolled in and pursuing a full-time course of special restorative training, the parent or guardian shall be entitled to receive on behalf of such person a special training allowance computed at the basic rate of **[\$260]** \$270 per month. If the charges for tuition and fees applicable to any such course are more than **[\$82]** \$85 per calendar month, the basic monthly allowance may be increased by the amount that such charges exceed **[\$82]** \$85 a month, upon election by the parent or guardian of the eligible person to have such person's period of entitlement reduced by one day for each **[\$8.69]** \$9.02 that the special training allowance paid exceeds the basic monthly allowance.

(b) No payments of a special training allowance shall be made for the same period for which the payment of an educational assistance allowance is made or for any period during which the training is pursued on less than a full-time basis.

(c) Full-time training for the purpose of this section shall be determined by the Administrator with respect to the capacities of the individual trainee.

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CHAPTER 36—ADMINISTRATION OF EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

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Subchapter II—Miscellaneous Provisions

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§1786. Correspondence courses

(a)(1) Each eligible veteran (as defined in section 1652(a)(1) and (2) of this title) and each eligible wife or widow (as defined in section 1701(a)(1) (B), (C), or (D) of this title) who enters into an enrollment agreement to pursue a program of education exclusively by correspondence shall be paid an educational assistance allowance computed

at the rate of 90 per centum of the established charge which the institution requires nonveterans to pay for the course or courses pursued by the eligible veteran or wife or widow. The term "established charge" as used herein means the charge for the course or courses determined on the basis of the lowest extended time payment plan offered by the institution and approved by the appropriate State approving agency or the actual cost to the veteran or wife or widow, whichever is the lesser. Such allowance shall be paid quarterly on a prorata basis for the lessons completed by the veteran or wife or widow and serviced by the institution.

(2) The period of entitlement of any veteran or wife or widow who is pursuing any program of education exclusively by correspondence shall be charged with one month for each ~~[\$260]~~ \$270 which is paid to the veteran or wife or widow as an educational assistance allowance for such course.

(b) The enrollment agreement shall fully disclose the obligation of both the institution and the veteran or wife or widow and shall prominently display the provisions for affirmance, termination, refunds, and the conditions under which payment of the allowance is made by the Administrator to the veteran or wife or widow. A copy of the enrollment agreement shall be furnished to each such veteran or wife or widow at the time such veteran or wife or widow signs such agreement.

No such agreement shall be effective unless such veteran or wife or widow shall, after the expiration of ten days after the enrollment agreement is signed, have signed and submitted to the Administrator a written statement, with a signed copy to the institution, specifically affirming the enrollment agreement. In the event the veteran or wife or widow at any time notifies the institution of his intention not to affirm the agreement in accordance with the preceding sentence, the institution, without imposing any penalty or charging any fee shall promptly make a full refund of all amounts paid.

(c) In the event veteran or wife or widow elects to terminate his enrollment under an affirmed enrollment agreement, the institution (other than one subject to the provisions of section 1776 of this title) may charge the veteran or wife or widow a registration or similar fee not in excess of 10 per centum of the tuition for the course, or \$50 whichever is less. Where the veteran or wife or widow elects to terminate the agreement after completion of one or more but less than 25 per centum of the total number of lessons comprising the course, the institution may retain such registration or similar fee plus 25 per centum of the tuition for the course. Where the veteran or wife or widow elects to terminate the agreement after completion of 25 per centum but less than 50 per centum of the lessons comprising the course, the institution may retain the full registration or similar fee plus 50 per centum of the course tuition. If 50 per centum or more of the lessons are completed, no refund of tuition is required.

§ 1787. Apprenticeship or other on-job training

(a) An eligible veteran (as defined in section 1652(a)(1) of this title) or an eligible person (as defined in section 1701(a) of this title) shall be paid a training assistance allowance as prescribed by subsection (b) of this section while pursuing a full time—

(1) program of apprenticeship approved by a State approving agency as meeting the standards of apprenticeship published by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to section 50a of title 29, or

(2) program of other on-job training approved under provisions of section 1777 of this title. subject to the conditions and limitations of chapters 34 and 35 with respect to educational assistance.

(b)(1) The monthly training assistance allowance of an eligible veteran pursuing a program described under subsection (a) shall be as follows:

Col. I	Col. II	Col. III	Col. IV	Col. V
Periods of training	No dependents	1 dependent	2 dependents	More than 2 dependents
				The amount in col. IV, plus the following for each dependent in excess of 2:
First 6 months.....	\$189	\$212	\$232	\$9
Second 6 months.....	142	164	184	9
Third 6 months.....	95	117	137	9
Fourth and any succeeding 6-month periods.....	47	70	90	9

Col. I	Col. II	Col. III	Col. IV	Col. V
Periods of training	No dependents	1 dependent	2 dependents	More than 2 dependents
				The amount in col. IV, plus the following for each dependent in excess of 2:
First 6 months.....	\$198	\$220	\$240	\$10
Second 6 months.....	147	171	191	10
Third 6 months.....	98	122	142	10
Fourth and any succeeding 6-month periods.....	49	75	95	10

(2) The monthly training assistance allowance of an eligible person pursuing a program described under subsection (a) shall be computed at the rate prescribed in paragraph (1) of this subsection for an eligible veteran with no dependents pursuing such a course.

(3) In any month in which an eligible veteran or person pursuing a program of apprenticeship or a program of other on-job training fails to complete one hundred and twenty hours of training in such month, the monthly training assistance allowance set forth in subsection (b) (1) or (2) of this section, as applicable, shall be reduced proportionately in the proportion that the number of hours worked bears to one hundred and twenty hours rounded off to the nearest eight hours.

(c) For the purpose of this chapter, the terms "program of apprenticeship" and "program of other on-job training" shall have the same meaning as "program of education"; and the term "training assistance allowance" shall have the same meaning as "educational assistance allowance" as set forth in chapters 34 and 35 of this title.

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Ninety-third Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the twenty-first day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four*

An Act

To designate the Veterans' Administration hospital in Columbia, Missouri, as the "Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital"; to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rates of vocational rehabilitation, educational assistance, and special training allowances paid to certain eligible veterans and persons; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I—DESIGNATING THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL AT COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS THE "HARRY S. TRUMAN MEMORIAL VETERANS' HOSPITAL"

SEC. 101. The Veterans' Administration hospital at Columbia, Missouri, shall hereafter be known and designated as the "Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital". Any reference to such hospital in any law, regulation, document, record, or other paper of the United States shall be deemed a reference to it as the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital.

SEC. 102. The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to provide such memorial at the above-named hospital as he may deem suitable to preserve the remembrance of the late Harry S. Truman.

TITLE II—VETERANS' EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION EQUALIZATION AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1974

SEC. 201. This title may be cited as the "Veterans' Education and Rehabilitation Equalization Amendments Act of 1974".

SEC. 202. The table contained in section 1504(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV	Column V
Type of training	No dependents	One dependent	Two dependents	More than two dependents
				The amount in column IV, plus the following for each dependent in excess of two:
Institutional:				
Full-time.....	\$209	\$259	\$304	\$22
Three-quarter-time.....	157	194	229	17
Half-time.....	105	130	152	11
Farm cooperative, apprentice, or other on-job training:				
Full-time.....	182	220	254	17".

SEC. 203. Chapter 34 of title 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(a) by striking out in the last sentence of section 1677(b) "\$260" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$270";

(b) by striking out in section 1682(b) "\$260" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$270"; and

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(c) by striking out in section 1696(b) "\$260" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$270".

SEC. 204. Chapter 35 of title 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(a) by striking out in section 1732(b) "\$209" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$217"; and

(b) by amending section 1742(a) to read as follows:

"(a) While the eligible person is enrolled in and pursuing a full-time course of special restorative training, the parent or guardian shall be entitled to receive on behalf of such person a special training allowance computed at the basic rate of \$270 per month. If the charges for tuition and fees applicable to any such course are more than \$85 per calendar month, the basic monthly allowance may be increased by the amount that such charges exceed \$85 a month, upon election by the parent or guardian of the eligible person to have such person's period of entitlement reduced by one day for each \$9.02 that the special training allowance paid exceeds the basic monthly allowance."

SEC. 205. Chapter 36 of title 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(a) by striking out in section 1786(a)(2) "\$260" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$270"; and

(b) by amending the table contained in paragraph (1) of section 1787(b) to read as follows:

"Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV	Column V
Periods of training	No dependents	One dependent	Two dependents	More than two dependents
				The amount in column IV, plus the following for each dependent in excess of two:
First 6 months.....	\$196	\$220	\$240	\$10
Second 6 months...	147	171	191	10
Third 6 months...	98	122	142	10
Fourth and any succeeding 6-month periods	49	73	93	10".

SEC. 206. The provisions of this title shall become effective on January 1, 1975.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*