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Raised Bill No. 905. Amendment:
Proposed substitute change on the wording. POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER. Remove "Disorder" Former President George W. Bush started an initiative earlier in the year to take the "D" out of PTSD because our Veterans are not broken beyond repair. They made the word change with Bipolar. President Obama said this after signing the Clay Hunt Suicide Act.....Every community, every American, can reach out and do more with and for our veterans,"..... "This has to be a national mission. As a nation, we should not be satisfied -- will not be satisfied -- until every man and woman in uniform, every veteran, gets the help that they need to stay strong and healthy."

Raised Bill No. 903. Full Support.
To many times soldiers get caught in paperwork shuffle, this bill would ease the families suffering financially in the event of a tragic loss, it is my understanding such was the case last year with a CT National Guardsman family.

Proposed Bill No. 523. Amendment:
Proposed substitute change and add Spouse, or Next of kin, and soldier who are wounded, and hospitalized stateside. This happened to my wife, while I was at Walter Reed, after I was shot, and hit by a suicide bomber, Being Critically Injured while serving in Afghanistan. She had to leave my side to go pay taxes, to avoid penalties.

I'm sure I'm out of time, and if the Chair would allow me to address Proposed Bill No. 6383 Concerning Amputees. It Involves a personal friend who's an amputee, and I proposed this bill through my state Rep.....

In Regards to this issue. A friend of mine, lost part of his right leg in Fallujah. He is hospitalized at least once a year because the Federal VA only provides him with 2 specialized socks a year. The issue is that due to wear and tear, and quality of life, ie being able to walk. The "socks" wear through. As the wearing increases it rubs against the veterans skin, causing skin breakdown, sores, infection, and the hospitalization.