
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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PILEGGI, McILHINNEY, SMITH, RAFFERTY, WHITE, COSTA AND
SOLOBAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to enact legislation
2 providing for no less than a 2% raise for United States
3 military personnel.

4 WHEREAS, On August 29, 2014, President Obama notified the
5 Congress of the United States by executive order that he intends
6 to limit United States military and other United States
7 Department of Defense civilian pay raises in 2015 to 1%; and

8 WHEREAS, The pay raise mirrors last year's sequestration
9 process, which ended in just a 1% raise;

10 WHEREAS, Congress has the authority to block the proposal,
11 but failure to act will unilaterally implement the executive
12 order; and

13 WHEREAS, Under the National Defense Authorization Act for
14 Fiscal Year 2004 (Public Law 108-136, 117 Stat. 1392), all pay
15 raises shall be no less than the published Employment Cost Index
16 (ECI); and

17 WHEREAS, The ECI is not reported until October of this year,

1 60 days after President Obama's notification to Congress; and

2 WHEREAS, United States military personnel place their lives
3 on the line every day; and

4 WHEREAS, The Executive Committee of the American Legion,
5 Department of Pennsylvania supports no less than a 2% raise for
6 United States military personnel; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 urge the Congress of the United States to enact legislation
9 providing for no less than a 2% raise for United States military
10 personnel; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
12 each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.