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House Committee on Armed Services

2216 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
http://armedservices.house.gov

The oversight responsibilities of the Committee on Armed Services are conducted throughout the calendar year. They are instrumental in the committee's consideration of the annual defense authorization bill, which covers the breadth of the operations of the Department of Defense (DOD) as well as the national security functions of the Department of Energy and other related areas. The annual national defense budget involves millions of military and civilian personnel, thousands of facilities, and hundreds of agencies, departments, and commands located throughout the world. The DOD involvement in two large ongoing contingency operations will continue to expand the range of topics requiring committee oversight including strategic, operational, and budgetary issues of great scope and complexity. The committee has jurisdiction over laws, programs, and agencies under permanent authority in numerous titles of the United States Code, including titles 10 (Armed Forces), 32 (National Guard), 37 (Pay and Allowances of the Uniformed Services), 42 (Atomic Energy), 46 (Shipping), and 50 (War and National Defense).

House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

B234 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
http://veterans.house.gov

Dedicated to improving health care and benefits for our veterans. The Committee has oversight responsibility for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. On a regular basis, the Committee with subcommittees, convenes hearings which examine issues such as: VA compliance with statutory provisions; VA's effectiveness in providing timely benefits and quality health care; Management practices and efficient expenditure of resources. Website lists information on membership, history, upcoming and past hearings, legislation and other important news concerning committee action.

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The General Assembly is Maryland's legislative body and directly represents the electorate. The state has 47 districts represented by 47 Senators and 141 Delegates. Website features House and Senate proceedings and bill information and status. Current bills and resolutions for the 2020 Regular Session: Armed Forces, Veterans, Department of Veterans Affairs and Military Department.
The Maryland Military Coalition (MMC) is a non-profit, non-partisan policy and advocacy organization comprised of 16 uniformed services and veterans' organizations representing more than 460,000 current and former servicemembers and veterans, their families and survivors in the State of Maryland. MMC works in joint pursuit of the following goals:

- Maintaining a strong national defense provided by dedicated, skilled, and highly capable personnel in the seven uniformed services;
- Promoting greater recognition of the military profession and educating the public on the extraordinary demands and sacrifices associated with a career in the uniformed services;
- Advocating policies that will advance the well-being and opportunities of the uniformed services community of Maryland, including Active, National Guard, Reserve, retirees, their families and survivors;
- Advocating the interests of the uniformed services community and promoting legislation favorable to the support of uniformed services issues at all levels of state government.

MOAA advocates for a strong national defense and represents the interests of military officers and their families at every stage of their careers and throughout their lifetime. Use MOAA's resources to communicate more effectively with your legislative representative. Website features fact sheets on active duty and guard reserve, health care, retirees, military spouses, families and survivors, and Veterans benefits. Sign up to receive weekly legislative updates.

The Montgomery County Council is the legislative branch of County Government. Individual Councilmembers introduce bills based on their own experience with community problems or because they have been approached by a constituent or group of constituents. Legislation enacted by the Council is delivered to the County Executive, who has 10 days to approve or disapprove it. If the Executive vetoes the bill, the Council has 60 days to reenact it over the Executive's veto by the vote of 6 members. In the case of emergency legislation necessary for the immediate protection of public health or safety, notice of public hearing may be given by press release. Six votes are required to enact an Emergency bill. Emergency legislation takes effect immediately; regular legislation takes effect 91 days after enactment. Watch live and archived Council meetings at: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/OnDemand/index.html.

For the latest Congress legislative information from Washington, DC. Legislative resources include bills, amendments, debates, laws, hearings, and voting information. Updated every Friday. View live house floor proceedings via their website. As per the Constitution, the U.S. House of Representatives makes and passes federal laws. The House is one of Congress’s two chambers (the other is the U.S. Senate), and part of the federal government’s legislative branch. The number of voting representatives in the House is fixed by law at no more than 435, proportionally representing the population of the 50 states.