

## ***Urges Swift Passage of Bipartisan, Bicameral Job-creating Legislation for Veterans***

**Washington, D.C.** — On Wednesday, June 27 legislation introduced by U.S. Representatives Tim Walz (D-MN) and Jeff Denham (R-CA) to make it easier for veterans to find jobs using skills acquired through military training is scheduled for markup in both the U.S. House of Representatives Oversight and Government Reform Committee as well as in the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Earlier this year, Walz and Denham introduced H.R. 4155, *the Veteran Skills to Jobs Act*, in the House, and Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) subsequently introduced the Senate version – S. 2239, *The Veteran Skills to Jobs Act of 2012*

– to address the unacceptably high rate of veteran unemployment by streamlining the federal certification process and cutting through the bureaucratic red tape, making it easier for veterans to utilize the skills they acquired in the military to find work at home. Rather than going through the process of redundant trainings for jobs they are already qualified for, veterans with the relevant military training would be eligible to receive a federal license and get back to work immediately.

Reps. Walz and Denham have received widespread support and praise for their sponsorship of H.R. 4155, *the Veteran Skills to Jobs Act*, from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion and several other Veteran Service Organizations.

Additional details for Wednesday's respective markups can be found below, or on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's website [here](#) and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' website [here](#)

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**WHAT:** Full U.S. House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Markup of H.R. 4155 –

The Veteran Skills to Jobs Act

**WHEN:** 10:00 a.m. ET, Wednesday, June 27, 2012

**WHERE:** 2154 Rayburn House Office Building

Note: Live-stream video of Wednesday's markup will be available on Committee's website here:  
<http://oversight.house.gov/markup/full-committee-business-meeting-30/>

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**WHAT:** Full U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Markup of S. 2239 – The Veterans Skills to Jobs Act of 2012

**WHEN:** 10:00 a.m. ET, Wednesday, June 27, 2012

**WHERE:** SD-342, Dirksen Senate Office Building

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