

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2981

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that congressional testimony by Department of Veterans Affairs employees is official duty, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUELSKAMP introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. TREATMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY**

4 **BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EM-**
5 **PLOYEES AS OFFICIAL DUTY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 38, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing new section:

1 **“SEC. 715. CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY BY EMPLOYEES:**
2 **TREATMENT AS OFFICIAL DUTY.**

3 “(a) CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY.—An employee of
4 the Department is performing official duty during the pe-
5 riod with respect to which the employee is testifying in
6 an official capacity in front of either House of Congress,
7 a committee of either House of Congress, or a joint or
8 select committee of Congress.

9 “(b) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The Secretary shall pro-
10 vide travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsist-
11 ence, in accordance with applicable provisions under sub-
12 chapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, to any employee of the
13 Department of Veterans Affairs performing official duty
14 described under subsection (a).”.

15 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
16 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
17 at the end the following new item:

“715. Congressional testimony by employees: treatment as official duty.”.

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