

(Washington D.C.) - On Wednesday, June 13, 2007 Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (D-VA) introduced H.R. 2702, the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2007 in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill was introduced in the United States Senate earlier this year by Virginia Senator Jim Webb.

Congressman Chris Carney (D-PA) - an Iraq War Veteran, Congressman Jim Moran (D-VA), Congressman Rick Boucher (D-VA), and Congressman John Salazar (D-CO) joined Rep. Scott as original cosponsors of H.R. 2702.

On Thursday, June 14, 2007, Rep. Scott and Sen. Webb held a joint press conference to announce bicameral support for the bill.

"I am proud to be the House sponsor of Senator Webb's Post-9/11 G.I. Bill," said Rep. Scott. "The United States has an obligation to provide our service men and women fighting overseas with the benefits they so rightly deserve.

This means we must support our troops while they are overseas and also when they return home and attempt to better their lives through education.

It is time for a new G.I. bill."

"With many of our service members having served under difficult conditions in Iraq and Afghanistan and some of them having pulled multiple tours, it is past time to enact a new veterans' education program modeled on the World War II era GI bill," said Senator Webb. "Since I introduced S.22 on January 4, the bill has received strong support from the nation's top veterans' organizations, 18 members of the Senate, and now, 5 new members of the House. I applaud Congressman Scott for leading the effort in the House of Representatives."

H.R. 2702, the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2007, is designed to provide our brave men and woman who have served on active duty since September 11, 2001 with educational benefits similar to those provided in the original post-World War II G.I. Bill of 1944. The Post-9/11 G.I. bill will cover the cost of tuition, books, fees, and provide a monthly stipend of \$1,000.

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