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A \$15 Billion jobs bill signed into law in March does nothing to alleviate the burgeoning unemployment rate among young Veterans. H.R. 2847-the ***Hiring Incentive to Restore Employment Act*** - was introduced last summer and subjected to several rounds of debate, compromise and amendments, but the final version doesn't even address jobs for veterans.

Despite having more than 1.1 million unemployed veterans, the 60-page package failed to mention "veteran" or "veterans" even once.

The Labor Department announced in March that the unemployment rate for 18-24 year-old veterans is around 27%. The jobless rate for all veterans who have served since Sept, 11 2001 is 12.5%.

More Iraq and Afghanistan veterans are now out of work than the number of U.S. Troops currently serving in those war zones. There are a large numbers of young troops who fought overseas, and now, after they've come home, their fighting another war on "unemployment..."

The National Commander is requesting that MOPH pursue this very important issue aggressively and recommends that now is the time to take action. Because Congress is now on recess in your states and districts, take the opportunity to call upon your representative and raise this issue about these unacceptable stats for our troops."

Yours in Patriotism,

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