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H.R.44

Title: **Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act**

Sponsor: [Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z.](#) [GU] (introduced 1/6/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (88)

Latest Major Action: 3/5/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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SUMMARY AS OF:

2/23/2009--Passed House without amendment. (There is 1 [other summary](#))

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act - (Sec. 2) Recognizes the suffering and the loyalty of the people of **Guam** during the Japanese occupation of **Guam** in World **War II**.

(Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to make specified payments to: (1) living **Guam** residents who were raped, injured, interned, or subjected to forced labor or marches resulting from, or incident to, such occupation and subsequent liberation; and (2) survivors of compensable residents who died in **war** and survivors of compensable injured residents (such payments to be made after payments have been made to surviving **Guam** residents).

Defines "compensable **Guam** decedent" as a **Guam** resident who died or was killed as a result of the attack and occupation of **Guam** by Japanese military forces during World **War II**, or incident to **Guam's** liberation by U.S. military forces, and whose death would have been compensable under the **Guam** Meritorious Claims Act of 1945 if a timely claim had been filed.

Defines "compensable **Guam** victim" as an individual who, as a result of the attack and occupation of **Guam** by Japanese military forces during World **War II** or incident to the liberation of **Guam** by U.S. military forces, suffered any of the following: (1) rape or severe personal injury (such as loss of a limb, dismemberment, or paralysis); (2) forced labor or personal injury (such as disfigurement, scarring, or burns); or (3) forced march, internment, or hiding to evade internment.

(Sec. 4) Directs the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission to specify injuries that would constitute a severe personal injury or a personal injury. Authorizes the Commission to adjudicate claims and determine payment eligibility.

Requires: (1) claims to be filed within one year after the Commission publishes public notice of the filing period in the Federal Register; and (2) the Commission to make filing period information available to the public through the media in **Guam**.

Subjects false claims to criminal penalties.

(Sec. 5) Directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish a grant program for research, educational, and media activities that memorialize the events surrounding the World **War II** occupation of **Guam** or honor the loyalty of the people of **Guam** during the occupation, or both.

(Sec. 6) Authorizes appropriations, which shall remain available for obligation until September 30, 2013, for: (1) **Guam** World **War II** claims payments and adjudication; and (2) the **Guam** World **War II** memorial grant program.

MAJOR ACTIONS:

1/6/2009	Introduced in House
2/23/2009	Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 299 - 99 (Roll no. 73).
3/5/2009	Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources discharged by Unanimous Consent.
3/5/2009	Referred to Senate committee: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ALL ACTIONS:

1/6/2009:

Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

2/4/2009:

Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

2/23/2009 2:14pm:

Ms. Bordallo moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

2/23/2009 2:14pm:

Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR [H1610-1616](#))

2/23/2009 2:14pm:

DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on [H.R. 44](#).

2/23/2009 2:55pm:

At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

2/23/2009 7:01pm:

Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR [H1635-1636](#))

2/23/2009 7:10pm:

On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 299 - 99 ([Roll no. 73](#)). (text: CR [H1610-1612](#))

2/23/2009 7:10pm:

Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

2/24/2009:

Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

3/5/2009:

Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources discharged by Unanimous Consent.

3/5/2009:

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

TITLE(S): (*italics indicate a title for a portion of a bill*)

- SHORT TITLE(S) AS INTRODUCED:
Guam World **War** II Loyalty Recognition Act
- SHORT TITLE(S) AS PASSED HOUSE:
Guam World **War** II Loyalty Recognition Act
- OFFICIAL TITLE AS INTRODUCED:
To implement the recommendations of the **Guam War** Claims Review Commission.

COSPONSORS(88), ALPHABETICAL [followed by Cosponsors withdrawn]: (Sort: [by date](#))

[Rep Abercrombie, Neil](#) [HI-1] - 1/6/2009
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[Rep Andrews, Robert E.](#) [NJ-1] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Baca, Joe](#) [CA-43] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Baldwin, Tammy](#) [WI-2] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Bartlett, Roscoe G.](#) [MD-6] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Becerra, Xavier](#) [CA-31] - 1/6/2009
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[Rep Bishop, Sanford D., Jr.](#) [GA-2] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Burton, Dan](#) [IN-5] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Butterfield, G. K.](#) [NC-1] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Cao, Anh "Joseph"](#) [LA-2] - 2/13/2009
[Rep Capps, Lois](#) [CA-23] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Cardoza, Dennis A.](#) [CA-18] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Christensen, Donna M.](#) [VI] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Clarke, Yvette D.](#) [NY-11] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Clyburn, James E.](#) [SC-6] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Conyers, John, Jr.](#) [MI-14] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Costello, Jerry F.](#) [IL-12] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Cuellar, Henry](#) [TX-28] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Cummings, Elijah E.](#) [MD-7] - 1/6/2009
[Rep DeLauro, Rosa L.](#) [CT-3] - 1/6/2009
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[Rep Faleomavaega, Eni F.H.](#) [AS] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Farr, Sam](#) [CA-17] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Filner, Bob](#) [CA-51] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Gillibrand, Kirsten E.](#) [NY-20] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Green, Al](#) [TX-9] - 1/6/2009
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[Rep Kilpatrick, Carolyn C.](#) [MI-13] - 1/6/2009
[Rep Kucinich, Dennis J.](#) [OH-10] - 2/23/2009
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[Rep Pascrell, Bill, Jr.](#) [NJ-8] - 1/6/2009
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[Rep Young, Don](#) [AK] - 1/6/2009

COMMITTEE(S):

Committee/Subcommittee:	Activity:
House Natural Resources	Referral
Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife	Referral
Senate Energy and Natural Resources	Referral, Discharged
Senate Judiciary	Referral, In Committee

RELATED BILL DETAILS:

NONE

AMENDMENT(S):

NONE

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