

112TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3520

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 29, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Keeping Our Promises  
5        Act of 2011”.

6        **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF RETIRED PAY BENEFITS FOR CUR-**  
7        **RENT MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

8        Section 1411 of title 10, United States Code, is  
9        amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
10       section:

1       “(c) NO REDUCTION IN RETIRED PAY BENEFITS  
2 FOR CURRENT MEMBERS.—Notwithstanding the effective  
3 date or specified applicability of any change regarding the  
4 entitlement of members or former members of the armed  
5 forces to retired or retainer pay under this title or to the  
6 computation of such retired or retainer pay under the for-  
7 mulas of the table in section 1401(a) of this title or of  
8 any other provision of law, the change shall not apply to  
9 a member or former member who first became a member  
10 of the armed forces before the effective date of the change  
11 unless—

12               “(1) the member or former member affirma-  
13 tively accepts the change; or

14               “(2) the change would have the effect of ex-  
15 panding the entitlement or eligibility of the member  
16 or former member to retired or retainer pay or in-  
17 creasing the amount of such retired or retainer  
18 pay.”.

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