



Tell Your Senators to Pass S. 3297 – the ALS Registry Act

Congress will be adjourning in just a few weeks prior to the fall elections and the time has come for the Senate to vote on S. 3297 – the ALS Registry Act. The Senate may hold a series of votes on S. 3297 at any time from now until the end of the month; therefore, it is critical for everyone to reach out to both of your Senators today. This may be our last opportunity to pass the ALS Registry Act this year and take the next steps in creating a national ALS patient registry.

Recent studies have revealed that ALS, also referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease, strikes veterans twice as often. Veterans deserve timely and quality health care that they earned. Enacting the registry will ensure adequate treatment for this terrible disease.

Tell your Senators not to leave town until they pass this critical legislation. Let them know that politics should not come before patients' lives and the ALS Registry Act needs to be enacted this year! **People with ALS cannot afford to wait until next year.** Arguments that an ALS Registry would cost too much are just excuses. The ALS Registry Act is an authorization and does not appropriate a single dollar.

Please emphasize how important it is to support the ALS Registry Act and that it should not be considered as a separate piece of legislation. Supporters in the Senate have included the ALS Registry Act as part of S. 3297 in order to pass the bill this year. There is not enough time remaining in the 110th Congress to pass the ALS Registry Act as a stand-alone bill.

The American Legion needs you to contact your Senators and ask them to put politics aside and pass the ALS Registry Act. People with ALS can't afford to wait any longer. Encourage your Post leadership and other Legionnaires to voice their support, as well.

Call Toll Free to the Capitol Switchboard: 1-877-851-6437, or 1-800-828-0498. Ask for the office you would like to speak to. You can also request that one office transfer you to the next office. Most staff members are happy to do so.

