

\*House Committee\*

## COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: *February 5, 2019*

Location: *RM 19*

Convened: *1:00 PM*

Recessed: *1:05 PM*

Reconvened: *1:15 PM*

Adjourned: *1:35 PM*

### Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Salmon-CH, Gustafson-VC, Kurth-RM, Bennett, Breckenridge, Gaines, Hite, Jeneary, Kacena, Lundgren, Ourth, Smith, M., Sorensen, Thompson, Wheeler, Wills

Absent:

Excused: Representative Brown-Powers

Chairperson Salmon called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken. Representative Brown-Powers was excused.

The minutes were approved.

The following bills were assigned to subcommittee: [HSB 121](#)

Both parties went to caucus at 1:05 P.M. The committee reconvened at 1:15 P.M.

Chairperson Salmon recognized Representative Wills for opening remarks on [HSB 65](#), a bill relating to military and veterans benefits. There was an amendment. Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Wills for opening remarks on amendment 45. Discussion was opened. With no further discussion, Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Wills for closing remarks on amendment 45. Rep. Wills moved adoption of the amendment. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 16 Aye, 0 Nay, and 1 Absent. Discussion was opened on [HSB 65](#) as amended.

Chairperson Salmon recognized Representative Kacena who asked for clarification on what the bill does. Rep. Wills explained the basis of the bill. With no further discussion, Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Wills for closing remarks on [HSB 65](#). Rep. Wills moved the bill as amended. The bill was moved and passed by a vote of 16 Aye, 0 Nay, and 1 Absent. The bill will move to the House floor as a Veterans Affairs Committee bill.

Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Wheeler for opening remarks on [HSB 67](#), a bill concerning the distribution of gambling game receipts for charitable purposes. Discussion was opened. With no further discussion, Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Wheeler for closing remarks on [HSB 67](#). Rep. Wheeler moved the bill. The bill was moved and passed by a vote of 16 Aye, 0 Nay, and 1 Absent.

Chairperson Salmon read the story of the Sullivan Brothers from Waterloo. The Navy allowed all five brothers to serve on the same ship. The military has since changed their policy for family members serving together when all five brothers were killed when the ship was sunk. As there was no further business to come before the committee, Representative Hite moved to adjourn at 1:35 p.m.

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Susan R. Foster, Committee Secretary