

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: *February 12, 2019*

Location: *RM 19*

Convened: *2:00 PM*

Recessed: *2:05 PM*

Reconvened: *2:15 PM*

Adjourned: *2:25 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

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

Absent:

Excused:

Chairperson Salmon called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken.

The minutes were approved.

The following bills were assigned to subcommittee: [HSB 135](#)

Both parties went to caucus at 2:05 P.M. The committee reconvened at 2:15 P.M.

Chairperson Salmon recognized Representative Gustafson for opening remarks on [HSB 121](#), a bill relating to the issuance of driver's licenses marked to reflect veteran status.

Representative Gaines commented on how she was in the Legislature when the bill was changed to what it is now, but that she approved to change the law back to what it was. With no further discussion, Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Gustafson for closing remarks on [HSB 121](#).

Rep. Gustafson moved the bill.

The bill was moved and passed by a vote of 16 Aye, 1 Nay, and 0 Absent. The bill will move to the House floor as a Veterans Affairs Committee bill.

Chairperson Salmon turned the floor over to Representative Smith to read the story of Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen. Senator Dirksen joined the Army in 1917 and served as a 2nd Lt. and an aerial observer with the balloon corps. He first was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and then won a seat in the U.S. Senate. Senator Dirksen also wrote a poem which was set to music and reached number 35 on the Top 40 chart.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, Representative Bennett moved to adjourn at 2:25 p.m.

Representative Sandy Salmon

Susan R. Foster, Committee Secretary