

\*House Committee\*

## COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: *February 6, 2020*

Location: *RM 19*

Convened: *1:00 PM*

Recessed: *1:05 PM*

Reconvened: *1:20 PM*

Adjourned: *1:25 PM*

### Attendance Roll Call:

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

Absent:

Excused:

Chairperson Salmon called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Roll call was taken.

The minutes were approved.

The following bills were assigned to subcommittee: [HSB 637](#), [HSB 639](#)

Both parties went to caucus at 1:05 P.M. The committee reconvened at 1:20 P.M.

Chairperson Salmon recognized Representative Thompson for opening remarks on [HSB 547](#), A bill for an act relating to certificate of eligibility affidavits for admission to the veterans home. With no further discussion, Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Thompson for closing remarks on [HSB 547](#). Rep. Thompson moved the bill.

The bill was moved and passed by a vote of 17 Aye, 0 Nay, and 0 Absent. The bill will move to the House floor as a Veterans Affairs Committee bill.

Chairperson Salmon recognized Representative Wills for opening remarks on [HSB 548](#), A bill for an act relating to the military code and duty performed by a member of the United States coast guard. Rep. Wills discussed the possibility of adding the Space Force as a legitimate branch of service. Discussion was opened. Rep. Brown-Powers encouraged support of the bill and mentioned adding the Space Force as a possible amendment to the bill on the House floor. With no further discussion, Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Wills for closing remarks on [HSB 548](#). Rep. Wills moved the bill.

The bill was moved and passed by a vote of 17 Aye, 0 Nay, and 0 Absent. The bill will move to the House floor as a Veterans Affairs Committee bill.

Chairperson Salmon recognized Representative Wheeler for opening remarks on [HSB 550](#), A bill for an act concerning funding authority for training, education, and related expenses of county veteran service officers. Discussion was opened. Rep. Kurth lent her support of the bill. With no further discussion, Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Wheeler for closing remarks on [HSB 550](#). Rep. Wheeler moved the bill.

The bill was moved and passed by a vote of 17 Aye, 0 Nay, and 0 Absent. The bill will move to the House floor as a Veterans Affairs Committee bill.

Rep. Smith made a motion to change the bill history online for [HF 157](#). Rep. Salmon explained the error. Rep. Smith withdrew the motion.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, Representative Ourth moved to adjourn at 1:25 P.M.

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Representative Sandy Salmon

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Susan R. Foster, Committee Secretary