

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: *January 28, 2021*

Location: *RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber*

Convened: *10:35 AM*

Adjourned: *10:50 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Salmon-CH, Graber-VC, Wilburn-RM, Andrews, Boden, Breckenridge, Brown-Powers, Cahill, Gjerde, Gustafson, Hunter, Jeneary, McClintock, Stone, Thompson, Wills

Absent:

Excused: Representative Gaines

Chairperson Salmon called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

Roll call was taken. Representative Gaines was excused.

The minutes were approved.

There were no bills to assign.

Chairperson Salmon recognized Representative Thompson for opening remarks on [HSB 45](#), A bill for an act relating to county commissions of veteran affairs training and making an appropriation. Discussion was opened. Representative Brown-Powers offered her support of the bill and encouraged her colleagues to support it.

Representative Hunter asked about a proposed amendment to the bill. Rep.

Thompson said that there would not be an amendment at this time. Rep. Hunter stated that the Veterans Affairs Committee should only do policy bills, not appropriation bills and why he would be voting “no” on the bill. Rep. Thompson explained how the bill was being vetted in Veterans Affairs Committee before moving on to the Appropriations Committee. He stated that as a member of both committees, he would be the Floor Manager of the bill in both. With no further discussion, Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Thompson for closing remarks on [HSB 45](#). Rep. Thompson moved the bill.

The bill was moved and passed by a vote of 15 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 1 Absent.

Representative Hunter was the one Nay vote. Representative Gaines was the one Absent vote. The bill will move to the House floor as a Veterans Affairs Committee bill.

Chairperson Salmon recognized Representative McClintock for opening remarks on [HSB 42](#), A bill for an act relating to eligibility for a property tax exemption for certain property of veterans associations. Discussion was opened. Representative Breckenridge offered his support of the bill and encouraged his colleagues to support the bill. Representative Hunter asked Rep. McClintock for clarification on language in the bill regarding it opening it up to all veterans regardless of group affiliation.

Rep. McClintock explained how the language was limiting before; excluding veterans who did not see active war or who served at home. Rep. Hunter inquired if the language change would open it to new organizations that were not veteran groups; but rather just existing groups that happened to have veterans as members.

Chairperson Salmon clarified that the bill applied only to existing veterans’ organizations. With no further discussion, Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. McClintock for closing remarks on [HSB 45](#). Rep. McClintock moved the bill.

The bill was moved and passed by a vote of 16 Aye, 0 Nay, and 1 Absent.

Representative Gaines was the one Absent vote. The bill will move to the House floor as a Veterans Affairs Committee bill.

Chairperson Salmon recognized Representative Wilburn who addressed the previous issue mentioned stating that there is not a Veterans Appropriations Committee. He suggested that the members should keep in mind when passing appropriation bills through the Veterans Affairs Committee.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, Representative Andrews moved to adjourn at 10:50 A.M.

Representative Sandy Salmon

Susan R. Foster, Committee Secretary