

Senate Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: **January 25, 2022**

Location: **Room 116**

Convened: **1:00 PM**

Adjourned: **1:30 PM**

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Lofgren-CH, Reichman-VC, Giddens-RM, Carlin, Costello,
Dawson, Dotzler, Edler, Green, Mathis, Ragan

Absent:

Excused:

The meeting came to order at 1:02 PM.

Roll call was taken silently by the committee secretary. Senator Dawson was excused until he arrives. Minutes from the last meeting were approved as distributed. Subcommittee assignments were distributed. Senator Dawson arrived at 1:04 PM. Chairman Senator Lofgren transferred the Chair position to Vice Chair Senator Reichman.

Vice Chair Senator Reichman recognized Senator Lofgren for [SF 255](#). Senator Lofgren introduced [SF 255](#), provided the subcommittee report, and gave opening comments on the bill. Vice Chair Senator Reichman opened the floor to discussion. Seeing no discussion, Vice Chair Senator Reichman recognized Senator Lofgren for final remarks on [SF 255](#). Senator Lofgren provided closing comments and moved the bill. [SF 255](#) passes unanimously on a short form voice vote and moves to the Calendar as a Committee Bill under Rule 40.

Senator Dawson excused himself from the meeting at 1:06 PM.

Vice Chair Senator Reichman transferred the Chair position back to Chairman Senator Lofgren.

Chair Senator Lofgren introduced Executive Director of the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, Steve Lukan. Lukan introduced Karl Lettow who is in charge of Communications for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Lukan then shared with the committee the key departments and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the locations and programs they manage and oversee.

Chairman Lofgren opened the floor to questions and recognized Senator Reichman. Senator Reichman asked a question and Lukan responded.

Chairman Lofgren recognized Senator Costello for questions. Senator Costello asked questions and Lukan responded.

Chairman Lofgren recognized Senator Mathis for questions. Senator Mathis asked questions and Lukan responded.

Chairman Lofgren asked a question on behalf of Senator Green and Lukan responded.

Chairman Lofgren recognized Senator Carlin for questions. Senator Carlin asked questions and Lukan responded.

Chairman Lofgren gave final thanks and closing comments.

Senator Giddens motioned to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM.

Veterans Affairs Committee (Senate)

Legislator ALL

Date 1/10/2022 – 1/8/2023

Bill	Bill Description	Legislators	Meetings
SF 2050	A bill for an act	Reichman	1/25/2022

	making an appropriation to support efforts relating to the U.S.S. Iowa and including effective date provisions.	Giddens Lofgren	
SF 2023	A bill for an act relating to preexisting military service-related disabilities covered by the second injury fund and including applicability provisions.	Edler Costello Dotzler	
SSB 3036	A bill for an act relating to motor vehicle registration fees for disabled veterans.	Green Giddens Lofgren	1/19/2022

Senator Mark S. Lofgren

Paula Lofgren, Committee Secretary