

COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: **March 1, 2022**

Location: **Room 116**

Convened: **3:00 PM**

Adjourned: **3:10 PM**

Attendance Roll Call:

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

Absent:

Excused: Senators Carlin, Mathis

Chairman Senator Lofgren called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM. Roll call was taken silently by the committee secretary. Senator Carlin and Senator Mathis were excused. The minutes from the last meeting on February 15th were approved as distributed.

Subcommittee assignments were assigned as follows:

[SF 2299](#) - (Edler CH, Costello, Giddens), [HF 2300](#) - (Lofgren CH, Dotzler, Green), [HF 2293](#) - (Green CH, Giddens, Lofgren), [HF 2427](#) - (Reichman CH, Dotzler, Lofgren)

Chairman Senator Lofgren recognized Senator Green for Committee Confirmation of the Governors Appointment of George Mosby to the Commission of Veterans Affairs and confirmed prior receipt of the subcommittee report. Senator Green gave Opening comments regarding the subcommittee members and recommended support for this confirmation. Chairman Senator Lofgren asked for discussion regarding the appointment and seeing none allowed Senator Green to restate his recommendation. Senator Green moved that George Mosby be confirmed as a member of the Commission of Veterans Affairs.

Short form voice vote was requested. George Mosby moves to the Senate En Bloc calendar with recommendation on a short form voice vote.

Chairman Senator Lofgren yielded the chair position to Vice Chair Senator Reichman. Vice Chair Senator Reichman recognized Senator Lofgren for [HF 2300](#). Senator Lofgren provided the subcommittee report and introduced [HF 2300](#). Senator Lofgren shared that this bill would add protections for members of the Civil Air Patrol and the Coast Guard to the military groups already covered. Vice Chair Senator Reichman asked for discussion on [HF 2300](#). Vice Chair Senator Reichman recognized Senator Dotzler for a comment. Senator Dotzler shared information regarding the Civil Air Patrol and its responsibilities and duties that include emergency missions and educational training in the area of STEM and that he's glad to see them added in these protections. Vice Chair Senator Reichman recognized Senator Lofgren for closing comments on [HF 2300](#). Senator Lofgren complimented Senator Dotzler on his ability to add experience and knowledge to subcommittee and committee meetings and moved [HF 2300](#). Short form was requested. [HF 2300](#) passes on a short form voice vote with 9 Yeas and 2 Excused and moves to the calendar.

Vice Chair Senator Reichman transferred the Chair position back to Chairman Senator Lofgren. Chairman Senator Lofgren asked for additional business. With no other business, Senator Giddens motioned to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:09 PM.

Subcommittee Assignments

Committee Veterans Affairs (Senate)

Legislator ALL

Date 01/10/2022 - 01/08/2023

Bill	Bill Title	Legislators	Meetings
HF 2293	A bill for an act increasing the amount the commission of veterans affairs may use from certain designated sources for the benefit of veterans.(Formerly HSB 562 .)	Green Giddens Lofgren	02/25/2022 1:30 PM
HF 2300	A bill for an act relating to protections for certain members of the military concerning employment and insurance coverage and making penalties applicable.(Formerly HSB 598 .)	Lofgren Dotzler Green	02/25/2022 1:00 PM
HF 2427	A bill for an act relating to certifications on applications for veteran special registration plates.(Formerly HSB 685 .)	Reichman Dotzler Lofgren	
SF 255	A bill for an act relating to county commissions of veteran affairs contacting discharged veterans regarding veteran benefits.(Formerly SSB 1052 .)	Lofgren Ragan Reichman	01/13/2022 9:30 AM
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	
SF 2050	A bill for an act making an appropriation to support efforts relating to the U.S.S. Iowa and	Reichman Giddens Lofgren	01/25/2022 10:00 AM

	including effective date provisions.(See SF 2175.)		
SF 2217	A bill for an act relating to requirements for veteran special registration plates.(See SF 2289.)	Lofgren Dotzler Green	02/10/2022 10:30 AM
SF 2272	A bill for an act codifying a first home buyer program administered by the Iowa finance authority.	Edler Costello Ragan	
SF 2299	A bill for an act relating to the disabled veteran homestead tax credit and the military service property tax exemption and credit and including effective date, applicability, and retroactive applicability provisions.	Edler Costello Giddens	
SSB 3036	A bill for an act relating to motor vehicle registration fees for disabled veterans.(See SF 2261.)	Green Giddens Lofgren	01/19/2022 11:30 AM
SSB 3078	A bill for an act appropriating moneys to the Iowa finance authority for the home ownership assistance program for eligible service members.(See SF 2264.)	Lofgren Costello Ragan	02/01/2022 2:00 PM

Appointee Subcommittee Report

Committee Veterans Affairs

Date 03/01/2022

Appointee	Board	Legislators
Matthew Peterson	Veterans Home, Commandant of the Iowa	Edler - CH Giddens Lofgren
George Mosby	Veterans Affairs, Commission of	Green - CH Dotzler Lofgren

Senator Mark S. Lofgren

Paula Lofgren, Committee Secretary