

COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: February 02, 2010

Place: Room 24

Convened: 2/2/2010 1:10 PM

Reconvened:

Adjourned: 2/2/2010 1:35 PM

Present: Senators Beall-CH, Warnstadt-VC, Seymour-RM, Black, Danielson, Hartsuch, Kibbie, Noble, Ragan, Wieck

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Soddors

Meeting convened at 1:10 p.m.

Senator Beall called on Senator Warnstadt to discuss Senate Study Bill 3118, an act providing for representation of military veterans on certain mental health policy bodies. Senator Warnstadt recommended its passage. The act would require a veteran be appointed to mental health commissions.

Senator Seymour said he would like to see the bill move forward.

Senator Danielson thanked the committee for bringing attention to the mental health issues of veterans. He said he would also like to see it move forward.

The committee voted unanimously to move the bill forward as a committee bill.

Senator Kibbie brought up Senate Study Bill 3044, which relates to the U.S.S. Iowa and funding to move it to memorial status. Senator Kibbie asked the committee for any ideas regarding funding.

Senator Beall expressed the urgency of the committee's decision because the Navy would like to dispose of the U.S.S. Iowa.

Senator Warnstadt suggested any ideas be given to members of the subcommittee, which consists of Senator Kibbie, Senator Beall and Senator Seymour.

Senator Black reminded the committee the Medal of Honor Memorial in Valley Forge, PA, is in great disrepair. He urged the committee to move forward to find funding for maintenance of the memorial.

Senator Kibbie moved to adjourn at 1:35.

Senator Daryl Beall

Sara Sedlacek, Committee Secretary