

## COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Date:** February 04, 2010

**Place:** Room 24

**Convened:** 2/4/2010 1:10 PM

**Reconvened:**

**Adjourned:** 2/4/2010 1:20 PM

**Present:** Senators Beall-CH, Warnstadt-VC, Black, Hartsuch, Kibbie, Noble, Ragan, Soddors

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** Senators Seymour-RM, Danielson, Wieck

Meeting convened at 1:10 p.m.

Senator Soddors moved to accept the minutes.

Senator Beall asked Senator Black to discuss Senate File 189, which relates to the repair of the Medal of Honor Memorial in Valley Forge, PA. Pat Palmersheim, Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs passed out photos of the memorial. Senator Black explained Senate File 189 passed out of the Senate last session and is now in the House. He told the committee he has spoken with his counterpart in the House about the bill. He requested the House amend the bill, changing the date to January 15, 2011. This date signifies the deadline for the Department of Veterans Affairs to report on the cost to repair the memorial. The committee agreed this would be the best way to proceed.

Senator Kibbie updated the committee on the U.S.S. Iowa. He explained he and Senator Hartsuch have discussed creating a commission to lead fundraising for the U.S.S. Iowa. Joe Royce with Legislative Services spoke briefly. He said he would draft a resolution to create a 10-member commission appointed by the governor to raise funds to transfer the U.S.S. Iowa from the Navy. He assured the committee this would be at no cost to the state. Senator Kibbie said this would be an additional avenue the committee could take but would not be the only fundraising outlet. Senator Beall asked Joe Royce to proceed with the drafting of this resolution.

Senator Ragan moved the committee arise at 1:20 p.m.

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Senator Daryl Beall

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Sara Sedlacek, Committee Secretary