Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs

Assembly Bill 96

Relating to: the composition of the Board of Veterans Affairs, the appointment of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and promulgating rules for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

By Representatives Petersen, Wynn, Petryk, Spanbauer, A. Ott, Kooyenga, Mursau, Kestell, Williams, Bies, Honadel, Ballweg, Jacque, Kleefisch, Pridemore, Litjens, Ripp, Thiesfeldt, J. Ott and Nerison; cosponsored by Senators Leibham, Moulton and Lasee.

April 15, 2011 Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

April 28, 2011 PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present: (9) Representatives Spanbauer, Wynn, Petrowski, Bies, Nerison, Milroy, Radcliffe, Sinicki and Ringhand.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (1) Representative Petryk.

Appearances For

- Kevin Petersen, Waupaca 40th Assembly District
- Tom Lemmer, Hartland Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Larry Kutschma, Lake Geneva Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Gene Wagner, Reedsville AMVETS
- Tim Thiers, Manitowoc AMVETS
- Aureliano Salas, Pardeeville
- Ray Boland, Land O'Lakes Former WDVA Secretary
- Anthony Hardie, Madison Disabled American Veterans
- William Hustad, Monticello Military Order of the Purple Heart
- Owen Williams, Mukwonago US Submarine Veterans of World War II
- William Richardson, Middleton

Appearances Against

- David Boetcher, Waunakee
- Robert Batty, Cedarburg American Legion
- Teddy Duckworth, New Lisbon American Legion
- John Nebelsiek, Chippewa Falls
- Bill Asberry, Oregon

- Rock Larson, Stevens Point CVSO Association of Wisconsin
- Scott Berger, Weston CVSO Association of Wisconsin
- Donna Chrzas, Portage
- John Carey, Madison Veterans for Peace
- Will Williams, DeForest Veterans for Peace # 25
- Dave Benson, Westfield Unaffiliated Vets
- James Strong, Appleton Military Officers Association of American

Appearances for Information Only

- Chuck Roloff, Milwaukee Wisconsin Council on Veterans Programs
- Mary Hoettels, Wauwatosa

Registrations For

- Jeffrey Babcock, Manitowoc Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 24
- Russell Collins, Muskego US Submarine Veterans, Inc.
- Bill Crowley, Baraboo
- John Gaedke, Merrimac
- Jason Johns, Oregon
- Al Labelle, Marshfield Disabled American Veterans
- Colin Moten, Tomah Vietnam Veterans of America
- Randall Nitschke, Elkhorn
- Robert Piaro, Fredonia Vietnam Veterans of America
- Walter Stenavich, Racine US Submarine Veterans of WWII

Registrations Against

- Rick DeMoya, Middleton American GI Forum, Wisconsin
- Jim Engel, Random Lake
- Roger Fetterly, Sun Prairie Military Officers Association of America
- Mike Furgal, Monroe
- Leo Lesch, Hartford Military Officers Association of America
- Denise Rohan, Verona American Legion
- Richard Ruland, Madison

Registrations for Information Only

- Ben Berlin, Mequon Jewish War Veterans
- Steve Books, Mount Horeb
- Ronald Laux, Milwaukee Jewish War Veterans

Present: (10) Representatives Spanbauer, Wynn, Petrowski,

Bies, Nerison, Petryk, Milroy, Radcliffe,

Sinicki, Ringhand.

Absent: (0) None. Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Radcliffe, seconded by Representative Milroy that **Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (4) Representatives Milroy, Radcliffe, Sinicki and Ringhand.

Noes: (6) Representatives Spanbauer, Wynn, Petrowski, Bies, Nerison and Petryk.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION NOT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 6

Moved by Representative Ringhand, seconded by Representative Sinicki that **Assembly Amendment 2 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (4) Representatives Milroy, Radcliffe, Sinicki and Ringhand.

Noes: (6) Representatives Spanbauer, Wynn, Petrowski, Bies, Nerison and Petryk.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2 TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION NOT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 6

Moved by Representative Radcliffe, seconded by Representative Milroy that **Assembly Amendment 3 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Representatives Wynn, Milroy, Radcliffe, Sinicki and Ringhand.

Noes: (5) Representatives Spanbauer, Petrowski, Bies, Nerison and Petryk.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 3 TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION NOT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 5

Moved by Representative Ringhand, seconded by Representative Milroy that **Assembly Amendment 4 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (4) Representatives Milroy, Radcliffe, Sinicki and Ringhand.

Noes: (6) Representatives Spanbauer, Wynn, Petrowski, Bies, Nerison and Petryk.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 4 TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION NOT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 6

Moved by Representative Petryk, seconded by Representative Petrowski that **Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (9) Representatives Spanbauer, Wynn, Petrowski, Bies, Nerison, Petryk, Milroy, Radcliffe and Ringhand.

Noes: (1) Representative Sinicki.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 9, Noes 1

Moved by Representative Wynn, seconded by Representative Bies that **Assembly Bill 96** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (6) Representatives Spanbauer, Wynn, Petrowski, Bies, Nerison and Petryk.

Noes: (4) Representatives Milroy, Radcliffe, Sinicki and Ringhand.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 4

Matt Pulda Committee Clerk