

Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Economic Development and Veterans and Military Affairs

Senate Bill 97

Relating to: the composition of the Board of Veterans Affairs, the appointment of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and direction and supervision of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

By Senators Leibham, Moulton and Lasee; cosponsored 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.

May 19, 2011 Referred to Committee on Economic Development and Veterans and Military Affairs.

May 23, 2011 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Hopper, Zipperer, Wanggaard, Lassa and T. Cullen.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (2) Senators Darling and Taylor.

Appearances For

- Kevin Peterson — Representative
- Joe Leibham — Senator
- Gene Wagner — American Veterans
- Tim Thiers — American Veterans
- Larry Kutschma — State Service Commander , Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Anthony Hardie — Disabled American Veterans

Appearances Against

- Rock Larson — County Veterans Service Officer
- David Kurtz — Adjutant, American Legion
- Katy Reeder

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Jason Johns
- Bill Hustad — Military Order of the Purple Heart

- Al Labelle

Registrations Against

- James Mueller
- Roger Fetterly

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

May 31, 2011

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (7) Senators Hopper, Zipperer, Darling,
Wanggaard, Lassa, T. Cullen and Taylor.
Absent: (0) None.
Excused: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Darling, seconded by Senator Zipperer that
Senate Bill 97 be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senators Hopper, Zipperer, Darling,
Wanggaard and T. Cullen.
Noes: (2) Senators Lassa and Taylor.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 2

Andrew Evenson
Committee Clerk