

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs

Assembly Bill 26

Relating to: the University of Wisconsin Missing-in-Action Recovery and Identification Project and making an appropriation.

By Representatives Kurtz, Sinicki, Zimmerman, Wittke, Tusler, Tittl, Subeck, Stubbs, Spiros, Shankland, Rozar, Riemer, Ratcliff, Petryk, Petersen, Ortiz-Velez, Ohnstad, Novak, Mursau, Knodl, Kitchens, Joers, Haywood, Gustafson, Emerson, Edming, Donovan, Considine, Conley, Cabrera, Brandtjen, Billings, Baldeh, Armstrong, Andraca, C. Anderson and Jacobson; cosponsored by Senators Cowles, Hesselbein, Wirsch, Wanggaard, Taylor, Stafsholt, Spreitzer, Pfaff, Larson, James, Feyen and Carpenter.

February 10, 2023 Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs

March 23, 2023 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (15) Representative Edming; Representatives VanderMeer, Allen, Michalski, Penterman, Petryk, Snyder, Sortwell, Summerfield, Tittl, Riemer, Sinicki, Andraca, Ortiz-Velez and Ratcliff.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Rep. Tony Kurtz - 50th Assembly District
- Rep. Christine Sinicki - 20th Assembly District
- Sen. Robert Cowles - 2nd Senate District
- Chuck Konsitzke - UW-Madison
- Timothy Zadals - UW-MIA Recovery and Identification Project
- Michele Rathke - Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
- Corey Geisler - Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
- Robert Hilliard - Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- Al Labelle - Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- Matthew Kempainen - Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- William Rosenau - CVSO Association of Wisconsin
- Paul Fisk - American Legion
- Mae Hurtado-Thiele - UW MIA Recovery and Identification Project

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Ray Cross - UW MIA Recovery and Identification Project
- Crystal Potts - UW-Madison
- Clemens Sylke - UW MIA Recovery and Identification Project
- Michael Furgal - Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
- Adam Wallace - Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
- MaryAnn Christopherson - Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
- Jordan Tilleson - Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
- Thomas Sontau - Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- David Felten - Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- Gregory Palo - Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- Keith McDowell - Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- Kevin Johnson - Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- Wayne Pittsley - Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- Ali Nelson - CVSO Association of Wisconsin
- Julie Muhle - American Legion
- Karl Stuvengen - American Legion
- Nathan Bond - American Legion
- Jack O'Meara - PROFS - UW-Madison Faculty

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

April 19, 2023

Executive Session Held

Present: (13) Representative Edming; Representatives VanderMeer, Michalski, Penterman, Snyder, Sortwell, Summerfield, Tittl, Riemer, Sinicki, Andraca, Ortiz-Velez and Ratcliff.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (2) Representatives Allen and Petryk.

Moved by Representative Sinicki, seconded by Representative Penterman that **Assembly Bill 26** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (13) Representative Edming; Representatives VanderMeer, Michalski, Penterman, Snyder, Sortwell, Summerfield, Tittl, Riemer, Sinicki, Andraca, Ortiz-Velez and Ratcliff.

Noes: (0) None.

Representatives Allen and Petryk indicated that they would have voted Aye if they had been present.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 13, Noes 0

Tyler Longsine
Committee Clerk