

The Senate Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming Committee met on Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 112, Capitol. The following members were present:

Vickerman, Chair
Skoe, Vice Chair
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Johnson, D.
Koering
Lourey
Murphy
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Rest
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Solon
Wergin

Senator Hann was absent.

Senator Vickerman called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m. He called on Senator Fischbach for S.F. 1268. Quorum present at 3:19 p.m.

Senator Fischbach stated this bill repeals restriction that was attached to veteran's preference and makes Minnesota a more vet-friendly state.

Senator Wergin moved amendment SCS1268A-1. AMENDMENT PASSED.

Sean Garrett, Retired Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force. Mr. Garrett stated because of the fact he was receiving a pension he was allowed the 5 points for being a veteran.

Senator Wergin moved S.F. 1268, as amended, be passed and placed on the Consent Calendar. BILL PASSED.

Senator Wergin presented S.F. 1254, a bill designating the month of May, as saying thank you to veterans. Senator Rest moved on Page 1, line 9, after "who" insert "as of January 1, 2005" AMENDMENT PASSED.

Mike Pugliese, Acting Commissioner, Veterans Affairs, stated the department supports the bill.

Senator Wergin moved S.F. 1254, as amended, be passed and placed on the Consent Calendar. BILL PASSED.

Senator Koering presented S.F. 114, a bill for the Purple Heart Memorial Highway designation.

Commander Bill Roehle, stated there are 12,000 living Purple Heart recipients. He supports this bill.

Clayton Urman, Senior Vice Commander, supports the bill.

Senator Koering stated this would be at no cost to the state as the Mills Family from Mills Fleet Farm will pay for the designation. Senator Koering moved S.F. 114, as amended, be placed on the consent calendar. BILL PASSED.

Senator Koering presented S.F. 1250, a bill deleting the rulemaking process concerning grain storage and general merchandise storage warehouse licensing. Senator Koering moved amendment A05-0118. AMENDMENT PASSED.

Senator Rest moved amendment to the amendment Page 1, line 22, delete everything after the period
Page 1, delete lines 23 to 29
Page 2, delete lines 17 to 19

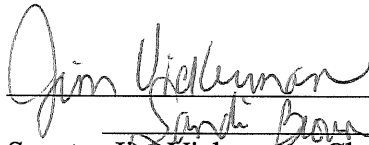
AMENDMENT PASSED

Carol Mulligan, MN Dept. of Agriculture, stated the rules are over 35 years old.

Senator Johnson moved S.F. 1250, as amended, be passed. BILL PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

This meeting was taped.



Senator Jim Vickerman, Chair
by/ Sandi Brown

Senate Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming Committee

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

3:00 p.m. Room 112, Capitol

AGENDA

S.F. 1268-Fischbach: State employment veterans preference credit use prohibition repeal.

Sean Garrett

S.F. 1254-Wergin: Hire a veteran month.

S.F. 114-Koering: Purple Heart Memorial Highway designation.

Bill Wroolie, Past National Commander, Military Order of the Purple Heart

S.F. 1250-Koering: Rulemaking concerning grain storage and general merchandise storage warehouse licensing.

Carol Mulligan, Rules Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: Ag. Vets, & Gaming
 Date: 3/2/05 Day: Wednesday Start Time: 3:18 pm

Agenda

3:19 pm	Bill # (or Topic)	S.F. 1268
	Author	Fischback
	Short Descriptor	State Employment Veterans preference credit use prohibition appeal
	Action(s)	→ Sean Garrett & as amended passed and adopted to the floor
	Bill # (or Topic)	1254
	Author	Wergin
	Short Descriptor	hire a veteran month
	Action(s)	adopted and sent to consent calendar
3:34 pm	Bill # (or Topic)	SF 114
	Author	Koering HWY 371
	Short Descriptor	Purple Heart Memorial Hwy designation Bill Wroolie Past National Commander, Military Order of the Purple Heart
	Action(s)	adopted and sent to the consent calendar
3:43 pm	Bill # (or Topic)	1250
	Author	Koering
	Short Descriptor	Rulemaking concerning grain storage and general Carol Mulligan, Rules Coordinator
	Action(s)	as amended and sent to MDOA the floor