

The Senate Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming Committee met on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 112, Capitol. The following members were present:

Vickerman, Chair  
Skoe, Vice Chair  
Day  
Dille  
Hann  
Johnson, D.  
Koering  
Lourey  
Murphy  
Nienow  
Rest  
Sams  
Solon  
Wergin

Senator Vickerman called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Confirmation Hearings on the following people:

Robert Erickson, Byron Opstad, MN Veterans Home Board of Directors;  
Susan Meyer, James Molenaar, MN Rural Finance Authority;  
Tamara Garcia, William Goede, Shirleen Hoffman, Gambling Control Board; and  
Holly Neaton, Board of Animal Health.

Senator Wergin moved to recommend confirmations of Robert Erickson and Byron Opstad to the MN Veterans Homes Board of Directors. Motion Passed.

Senator Dille moved to recommend confirmations of Susan Meyer and James Molenaar to the MN Rural Finance Authority. Motion Passed.

Senator Hann moved to recommend confirmations of Tamara Garcia, William Goede, and Shirleen Hoffman to the Gambling Control Board. Motion Passed.

Senator Nienow moved to recommend confirmations of Holly Neaton to the Board of Animal Health. Motion Passed.

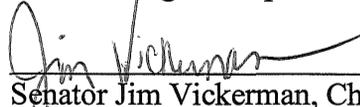
**Michael Pugliese, Acting Commissioner, MN Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, "See Attachment A."** This report has to do with designating a bonus program for Minnesota's Global War on Terrorism Veterans.

Senator Vickerman and Senator Kleis presented S.F. 226 and S.F. 48, a bill authorizing this bonus.

Senator Vickerman moved S.F. 226 be passed and rereferred to Rules and Administration. BILL PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

This meeting was taped.

  
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Senator Jim Vickerman, Chair

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Sandi Brown

## Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: Vets, Ag., and Gaming  
 Date: Jul. 19th, 2005 Day: ~~Wednesday~~ Wednesday Start Time: 3:05 pm

**Agenda**

3:06pm

Bill # (or Topic)	
Author	
Short Descriptor	Robert Erickson / Byron Opstad veterans hereditary
Action(s)	closed & adopted them as committee members
3:11pm Bill # (or Topic)	
Author	
Short Descriptor	James Molenaar / Susan Meyer farming & rural finance (Regier farmers)
Action(s)	closed and adopted
3:30pm Bill # (or Topic)	
Author	Bill Goede & Sherleen Hoffman
Short Descriptor	Jamara Garcia Gaming Control Board
Action(s)	adopted and closed
3:35pm Bill # (or Topic)	
Author	
Short Descriptor	Holly Neaton Board of Animal Health
Action(s)	closed and adopted

3:40pm Mike Mckeever  
acting commander

3:50 pm  
Senator Weed  
Senator / Chair Vickerman  
SF 48  
SF 220  
SF 220 adopted and sent to Rules.

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Report: "Implementing a Global War on Terrorism Bonus", Acting Commissioner,  
Michael Pugliese, MN Dept. of Veterans Affairs

S.F. 48-Kleis: Constitutional amendment authorizing bonding to pay a bonus to  
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