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Yesterday we celebrated Vietnam Veterans Day with the reading of the names of 237 soldiers who gave their all fighting for a cause greater than themselves. We all stood when the Chaplain prayed. We all stood as the colors were posted. We all stood as we recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Why did we do that. Why do children stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance every morning in school. Why do you as Legislators stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of each floor session. Why do a host of other groups do the same thing. WHY??? The answer to that question is simple. By standing and saying the Pledge we are showing the utmost respect to this country and our flag. By say the pledge we also recognize that it took blood, sweat, and tears, of thousands of men and women who have died so we can have the freedoms we enjoy in this country. Since 1885 the reciting of the Pledge is a tool in developing a sense of patriotism in our young people and adults alike. It is not a oath that is binding rather it is simple a nonbinding promise to do something. The main reason for saying the Pledge is simply to instill or reinforce a sense of patriotism towards this county. The saying of the Pledge is merely a promise to be loyal and be respectful to our great country.

The ND Veterans Legislative Council urges a yes vote.