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2005 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1355

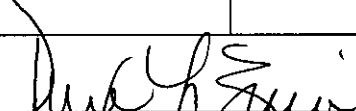
2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1355

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1/28/05

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		35.6-54.6
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes: HB Relating to the title of the administrator of the veterans' home.

14 members present, 0 absent.

Rep. Metcalf-District 24-for-Testimony Attached

Rep. Potter: Can you tell me what the veterans preference would be.

Rep. Metcalf: Veterans are given a preference in most cases if there is a point system used.

Chairman Haas: That is assuming they meet other qualifications.

Rep. Metcalf: That is right, they get to this level, by the qualifications that are advertised.

John Jacobsen-North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council-For-Testimony attached.

Chairman Haas: Thank you very much. Any more questions?

Rep. Froseth: I move a Do Pass on HB 1355.

Rep. Potter: I second.

VOTE: YES 14 NO 0 ABSENT 0 DO PASS

REP. MEIER WILL CARRY THE BILL.

Date: 1/28/05
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1355

House House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do PASS

Motion Made By Rep Froseth Seconded By Rep Potter

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman C.B. Haas	✓		Rep. Bill Amerman	✓	
Bette B. Grande - Vice Chairman	✓		Rep. Kari Conrad	✓	
Rep. Randy Boehning	✓		Rep. Louise Potter	✓	
Rep. Glen Froseth	✓		Rep. Sally M. Sandvig	✓	
Rep. Pat Galvin	✓				
Rep. Stacey Horter	✓				
Rep. Jim Kasper	✓				
Rep. Lawrence R. Klemin	✓				
Rep. Lisa Meier	✓				
Rep. Margaret Sitte	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep Meier

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 28, 2005 12:28 p.m.

Module No: HR-19-1326
Carrier: L. Meier
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1355: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Haas, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1355 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2005 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1355

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. **HB 1355**

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs

Business and Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 24, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		x	2267-3957
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Deane Davis</i>			

Chairman Krebsbach opens hearing on **HB 1355**

Relating to the title of the administrator of the veterans' home.

Representative Ralph Metcalf - See written testimony.- In favor of this bill.

(meter #2522)

Senator Syverson - Asked if in the event the individual is hired as an administrator and is not a veteran, who would the title commandant fall to then.

Rep. Metcalf - Said it would go to no one.

Senator Nelson - Asked if there ever would be a situation when the administrator might be an active veteran. Could they be on reserve duty or active duty?

Rep. Metcalf - Replied certainly could be on reserve duty.

Senator Krebsbach - Asked in view of the question is the wording proper on line 11 of the bill.

Rep. Metcalf - Does not believe that would be a hindrance. He would defer that question to other veterans in attendance.

(meter #3014)

Darrel Beard - Board of ND Veterans Home - Said this is a house cleaning bill, changing commandant to administrator. He explained that an active duty person would not be the administrator. In favor of this bill.

Senator Syverson - Asked about putting new language in line 11. He is worried that current language may interfere with the hiring.

Beard - Said the line your referring to would be just addressing the administrators only.

Senator Krebsbach - Asked if an active duty guard member use the title commandant.

Hanson - Replied, yes they would.

Rep. Metcalf - Stated the word commandant is not an entitlement.

John Jacobson - In support of bill, see written testimony.

(meter #3800)

Closed hearing 1355.

Senator Nelson moved for do pass.

Senator Syverson seconded

Senator Nelson will carry

(meter #3957)

Date: 2/24/05

Roll Call Vote #: 13551

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1355

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken No Pass

Motion Made By Senator Nelson Seconded By Senator Syverson

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Karen K. Krebsbach, Chairman	X		Carolyn Nelson	X	
Richard L. Brown, Vice Chairman					
Judy Lee	X				
John O. Syverson	X				

Total (Yes) 4 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Senator Nelson

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 24, 2005 2:01 p.m.

Module No: SR-34-3610
Carrier: Nelson
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1355: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Krebsbach, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1355
was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2005 TESTIMONY

HB 1355

TESTIMONY SUPPORTING HB 1355
HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Good morning Chairman Haas and members of the House Government and Veterans Affairs committee. I am Representative Ralph Metcalf from the greater District 24 representing North Dakotans living in 22 townships in Western Barnes County and 10 townships of Northwestern Ransom County.

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I served 29 years in the ND National Guard and the US Army Reserve, retiring in 1995 with the rank of Colonel. I served on active duty in 1991 in the Persian Gulf stationed in the United Arab Emirates.

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Veterans by County As of 19 January 2005

Adam	251	Mountrail	693
Barnes	1,229	Nelson	468
Benson	526	Oliver	175
Billings	125	Pembina	950
Bottineau	750	Pierce	487
Bowman	254	Ramsey	1,051
Burke	262	Ransom	672
Burleigh	6,650	Renville	330
Cass	10,414	Richland	1,444
Cavalier	474	Rolette	959
Dickey	535	Sargent	417
Divide	277	Sheridan	192
Dunn	359	Sioux	332
Eddy	273	Slope	52
Emmons	405	Stark	2,079
Foster	311	Steele	242
Golden Valley	204	Stutsman	2,187
Grand Forks	6,423	Towner	285
Grant	279	Traill	893
Griggs	284	Walsh	1,343
Hettinger	331	Ward	6,154
Kidder	274	Wells	512
LaMoure	430	Williams	2,067
Logan	203		
McHenry	681	TOTAL	61,365
McIntosh	300		
McKenzie	598		
McLean	1,049		
Mercer	860		
Morton	2,370		

This total is 2,307 more than in
September 2004

Source:
Department of Veterans Affairs - Bismarck

Analysis of County Valuation and Levies
Veterans Service Levy #1213

	2003 Taxable Value For Taxes Collected in 2004	Revenue Available From 1.25 Mills	Mills Levied in 2003 (for CY2004 Budgets) Levy #1213 Veterans Services
Adams	\$ 6,987,958	\$ 8,735	0.80
Barnes	\$ 33,018,580	\$ 41,273	1.14
Benson	\$ 12,267,235	\$ 15,334	1.25
Billings	\$ 4,767,756	\$ 5,960	1.27
Bottineau	\$ 22,651,974	\$ 28,315	0.87
Bowman	\$ 8,266,766	\$ 10,333	0.80
Burke	\$ 8,573,556	\$ 10,717	0.51
Burleigh	\$ 145,020,966	\$ 181,276	0.88
Cass	\$ 297,734,736	\$ 372,168	0.50
Cavalier	\$ 19,272,267	\$ 24,090	0.58
Dickey	\$ 15,233,708	\$ 19,042	1.08
Divide	\$ 9,037,338	\$ 11,297	0.53
Dunn	\$ 12,277,711	\$ 15,347	0.57
Eddy	\$ 6,322,391	\$ 7,903	1.25
Emmons	\$ 13,494,626	\$ 16,868	
Foster	\$ 12,109,838	\$ 15,137	0.76
Golden Valley	\$ 5,361,941	\$ 6,702	0.47
Grand Forks	\$ 124,884,094	\$ 156,105	1.03
Grant	\$ 7,815,448	\$ 9,769	0.99
Griggs	\$ 8,407,881	\$ 10,510	0.71
Hettinger	\$ 8,828,366	\$ 11,035	0.61
Kidder	\$ 9,197,067	\$ 11,496	0.45
Lamoure	\$ 15,207,672	\$ 19,010	0.37
Logan	\$ 6,566,965	\$ 8,209	0.65
McHenry	\$ 20,519,519	\$ 25,649	0.25
McIntosh	\$ 9,459,733	\$ 11,825	0.70
McKenzie	\$ 15,926,997	\$ 19,909	0.93
McLean	\$ 23,912,629	\$ 29,891	
Mercer	\$ 18,101,014	\$ 22,626	0.25
Morton	\$ 52,511,169	\$ 65,639	1.38
Mountrail	\$ 14,600,261	\$ 18,250	0.52
Nelson	\$ 10,802,490	\$ 13,503	0.81
Oliver	\$ 5,178,741	\$ 6,473	1.25
Pembina	\$ 28,043,474	\$ 35,054	0.56
Pierce	\$ 13,568,390	\$ 16,960	0.57
Ramsey	\$ 23,661,732	\$ 29,577	0.71
Ransom	\$ 15,758,229	\$ 19,698	1.25
Renville	\$ 9,860,176	\$ 12,325	0.39
Richland	\$ 45,509,107	\$ 56,886	1.00
Rolette	\$ 9,175,979	\$ 11,470	0.39
Sargent	\$ 13,751,700	\$ 17,190	0.88
Sheridan	\$ 5,918,760	\$ 7,398	0.59
Sioux	\$ 2,036,720	\$ 2,546	2.08
Slope	\$ 5,192,007	\$ 6,490	0.42
Stark	\$ 36,153,593	\$ 45,192	1.25
Steele	\$ 10,034,446	\$ 12,543	0.55
Stutsman	\$ 47,118,491	\$ 58,898	1.24
Towner	\$ 11,470,242	\$ 14,338	1.27
Trail	\$ 24,427,272	\$ 30,534	0.61
Walsh	\$ 30,499,323	\$ 38,124	0.84
Ward	\$ 100,519,559	\$ 125,649	0.66
Wells	\$ 16,699,672	\$ 20,875	
Williams	\$ 35,156,457	\$ 43,946	1.98

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