

**2019 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION**

**HB 1404**

# 2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Transportation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1404  
1/25/2019  
#31503

- ☐ Subcommittee  
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature Jeanette Cook
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### Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL relating to designating state highway 22 as the veteran's memorial highway; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

### Minutes:

Attachments 1-2
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**Chairman Ruby** opened the hearing on HB 1404.

**Representative Mike Lefor, District 37**, spoke to support HB 1404 and provided written testimony. See attachment # 1.

**Chairman Ruby:** Was Hwy. 83 designated a Veteran's Highway?

**Representative Mike Lefor:** I'm not sure.

**Jim Nelson, Legislative Director for the North Dakota Veteran's Legislative Council**, spoke to support HB 1404 and provided written testimony. See attachment #2.

There was no further support for HB 1404.  
There was no opposition to HB 1404.

**Brad Darr, State Maintenance Engineer for the North Dakota Department of Transportation**, stood to answer questions.

**Vice Chairman Rick C. Becker:** It seems that these signs are half the price as the ones for increasing the speed limit. Do you know why that would be?

**Brad Darr:** I am not aware. They are split out so the Veteran's Association is paying for the face plate. The department is paying for the supports and is responsible to make sure the signs follow federal standards.

**Representative Owens:** The MUTCD has different standards for different signs. This could be the result of that. The face plates for this are called informational signs, and therefore

have different sizing and different requirements than a speed limit sign which has to last longer and has different reflectivity.

**Chairman Ruby:** Is all of Hwy 83 Memorial Highway?

**Brad Darr:** Yes, and the American Legion Highway is Highway 281 throughout the state. Both of those highways have a national flavor. They go beyond our borders. We also have the 164<sup>th</sup> Infantry Highway Memorial Highway which is US 2.

The hearing was closed on HB 1404.

**Representative Paur moved a DO PASS on HB 1404.**

**Representative Hanson seconded the motion.**

**A roll call vote was taken: Aye 11 Nay 0 Absent 3**

**The motion carried.**

**Representative Hanson will carry HB 1404.**

Date: 1-25-19  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. # B1404

House Transportation Committee

☐ Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation: ☐ Adopt Amendment  
☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Without Committee Recommendation  
☐ As Amended ☐ Rerefer to Appropriations  
☐ Place on Consent Calendar  
Other Actions: ☐ Reconsider ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By Paur Seconded By Hanson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
CHAIRMAN RUBY	X		REP LAURIEBETH HAGER	X	
VICE CHAIR BECKER	X		REP KARLA ROSE HANSON	X	
REP JIM GRUENEICH	X		REP MARVIN NELSON	A	
REP TERRY JONES	X				
REP TOM KADING	X				
REP EMILY O'BRIEN	A				
REP MARK OWENS	X				
REP BOB PAULSON	X				
REP GARY PAUR	X				
REP ROBIN WEISZ	A				
REP GREG WESTLIND	X				

Total (Yes) 11 No 0

Absent 3

Floor Assignment Hanson

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1404: Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1404 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**2019 SENATE TRANSPORTATION**

**HB 1404**

# 2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Transportation Committee**  
Lewis and Clark Room, State Capitol

HB 1404  
2/28/2019  
32979

☐ Subcommittee  
☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Liz Stenehjem
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## Minutes:

1 Attachment
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**Representative Mike Lefor; District 37, Dickinson, North Dakota:** See **Attachment #1** for testimony.

**Dave Logosz, President, Stark County Veterans Memorial Association:** We have built a beautiful veterans memorial in Stark County, located in Dickinson. My wife and I have done a lot of traveling around the country and we've noticed many memorial highways and purple heart highways and as part of our veterans' project, I would like to see highway 22 named "Veterans' Memorial Highway." Because it kind of gives you that warm feeling when you see a sign like that. It also brings awareness to what veterans have gone through in representing this country. These signs, I believe would make our state a little bit nicer. We're more than willing to foot the bill for these signs, so I can't see anything negative about the signs we would like to put up.

**Chairman Rust:** Do you recall what other places might have?

**Mr. Logosz:** There are signs in Minnesota and Illinois.

**Chairman Rust:** How about in North Dakota, do you know?

**Mr. Logosz:** In North Dakota, well, we have the Memorial Bridge here in Bismarck. I'm not aware of any other particular highways.

**Chairman Rust:** That are veteran memorial?

**Mr. Logosz:** Correct.

**Senator Fors:** Why did you choose highway 22?

**Mr. Logosz:** Highway 22 was chosen because our first choice which was I-94, according to some federal bill; they discontinued naming interstate highways. My second choice was highway 85, which is also a federal highway. So my third choice is highway 22 because it does run through our town and past our memorial.

**Brad Darr, State Maintenance Engineer, North Dakota Department of Transportation:** There is the 164<sup>th</sup> Infantry Memorial Highway, which is US-2 across the state; there's US-281, which is the American Legion Memorial Highway through the eastern portion of the state; and there's highway 83, which is the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway. So those are the other three military related highways that have names in the state.

**Senator Dwyer:** Is highway 85 named anything?

**Mr. Darr:** Highway 85 is the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway. So it has a name but not a military one.

**Chairman Rust:** Closed hearing on HB 1404.



# 2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Transportation Committee**  
Lewis and Clark Room, State Capitol

HB 1404  
3/1/2019  
33054

☐ Subcommittee  
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**Chairman Rust:** Please see **Attachment #1** for information from Representative Lefor.

**Senator Bakke:** I like the fact that it goes right by the memorial that they built. I think that's kind of a nice way to make sure people see that and it kind of ties in nicely with that.

**Senator Patten:** I move a **Do Pass**

**Senator Clemens:** I **Second** the motion

**Senator Dwyer:** The United States Supreme Court is going to decide whether a memorial on public land which is a cross is going to be acceptable or not in our country. I think we should put a cross on all these signs.

## Roll Call Vote Taken:

**6-0-0 Do Pass**

**Carrier:** Senator Fors

**2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO: HB 1404**

Senate Transportation Committee

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Motion Made By Senator Patten Seconded By Senator Clemens

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Rust - Chairman	X		Senator Bakke	X	
Senator Clemens - Vice Chairman	X				
Senator Dwyer	X				
Senator Fors	X				
Senator Patten	X				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Fors

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1404: Transportation Committee (Sen. Rust, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS**  
(6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1404 was placed on the  
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**2019 TESTIMONY**

**HB 1404**

HB 1404  
1-25-19  
#1  
D.1

Good Morning Chairman Ruby and members of the House Transportation Committee. My name is Mike Lefor and I represent District 37 - Dickinson in the North Dakota House. I bring HB 1404 to you today on behalf of a great group of constituents from Districts 36 and 37, the veterans association in the Dickinson area.

Today, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs, more than 57,000 veterans live within the borders of our state. These individuals and many before them, served our country with great honor and distinction.

As been done previously in our state, we are requesting that Highway 22 from the South Dakota border to the junction of state Highway 22 and state highway 23 be named Veterans Memorial Highway. Basically, if passed, this bill would result in the placement of four signs to be located near Highway 22. According to the North Dakota Department of Transportation, these signs would be located at the North Dakota/South Dakota border, one on the southside of Dickinson, one on the north side of Dickinson and one on the northern ending point of Highway 22.

On page two of my testimony, you will see the breakdown of the costs of the project. The private veteran's association would be responsible for the cost of the signs which is estimated by the NDDOT to be approximately \$1,440. The cost of the steel galvanized posts and DOT personnel rates and equipment costs at \$350.00 per location with a total of four locations. These costs, estimated to be \$2,192 would be paid by NDDOT. The veteran's association informed me they would pay all costs involved with the project. If the group decides to have additional signage around Killdeer the cost would go up to cover one or two more signs according to the North Dakota Department of Transportation.

I ask for a do pass recommendation from this committee and I would be happy to answer any questions. Thank you for your time.

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#1  
p.2

**VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY SIGNING ESTIMATE**

The following is an estimated number of signs and the cost for installation along ND 22. The estimate below is for the installation at 4 locations (ND/SD Border, South side of Dickinson. North side of Dickinson and the Northern ending point of ND 22. The sign details will have to be provided to the requestor to ensure that they meet the federal guidelines.

**INSTALLATION WITH NDDOT PERSONNEL**

Signing at 4 locations – 4 signs @ \$360 EA = \$1,440

Total estimated cost of signing (Responsibility of Requestor) = \$1,440

Steel Galv. Post – Telescoping Perf. Tube for new installation – 144 LF @ \$5.5 LF = \$792

DOT personnel rates and equipment costs - \$350.00 per location x 4 locations = \$1,400

Total estimated cost of installation (Responsibility of NDDOT) = \$2,192

Thanks,

Jim Nelson

HB 1404 Declaring ND Highway 22 Veterans Memorial Highway

HB 1404  
1-25-19  
#2

Ever since 1898 when the 1<sup>st</sup> North Dakota Infantry Regiment consisting of 685 officers and men were activated and sent to Manila during the Philippine Insurrection to the Global War on Terror, North Dakota's sons and daughters have answered the call and put on the uniform of the Armed Forces of the United States. North Dakota has supplied our Nation with the Best of the best. North Dakotans are proud of our veterans and have shown that pride in many ways. Some examples are in Fargo and West Fargo we have Veterans Memorial Bridge and Veterans Boulevard, US 83 South is Veterans of Foreign Wars Highway and in Bismarck we Veterans Memorial Bridge, Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library and the World Wall Memorial Building, and I am sure there are a host of others throughout the State.

Whenever I see something like a veteran related building, street whatever I always think how that community or state really supports their veterans by this simple measure of naming something in their collective memory. Always aware of the great sacrifices made by those individuals for the State and Nation

The ND Veterans Legislative Council is honored to support this bill.

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Subject: ND 22 as the Veterans Memorial Highway

HB 1404 #1  
3/1/19 pg 1

Rep. Lefor,

Below is the cost estimate requested. You will note that our estimate includes 4 signs. This could be increased to 6 signs at the \$360/sign, if we signed on either side of Killdeer as well.

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