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2005 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

SCR 4003

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4003

Senate Transportation Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1/21/05

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		0-1285
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Mary K Monson</i>			

Minutes:

**Chairman Trenbeath** opened the hearing on SCR 4003 designating, in conjunction with the state of Minnesota, the Main Avenue bridge between Fargo, ND, and Moorhead, MN, as the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

All members were present except Senator Espegard and Senator Mutch.

**Senator Syverson** (District 45) Testified in support of SCR 4003 involving the application of a name to a bridge. It is appropriate since bridges represent so many things to everyone. They provide (1) a means of communication to bring people together (2) commerce to allow us to grow economically, and (3) in this case connectivity that brings our nation closer together by binding each various and diverse state to one another for common purpose. Our nation is unique in that it is diverse but unified, unified by common purpose, goals, and ambitions--all made possible by our liberty, our freedom, and our security. There are men and women who have done more than their share to ensure that our freedoms light was not to be dimmed. Many have

given the ultimate. They should be given our every ounce of respect, veneration, and honor.

Whatever we do for them cannot repay them for the debt we owe every one of them. Let us send a message to the next generation, also, that their service and sacrifice will not be forgotten.

This is a strong and attractive bridge that could wear proudly the name Veterans Memorial Bridge. This would not be the only Veterans Memorial Bridge in the country, but in this state it is the only one that ties us to our neighbor states.

**Senator Carolyn Nelson** (District 21) Testified in Support of SCR 4003. Part of this bridge is in District 21 and the other part is in Clay County, MN. When things go between two states, it is not always easy to get things done. This particular bridge is representing veterans not only in District 21 or in Cass County or in Clay County, but in ND, MN, and throughout the world. It is appropriate that the bridge be named the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

**Representative LeRoy Bernstein** (District 45) Appeared in support of SCR 4003. He wanted to show his support for a group of individuals that deserve all the support they can get.

**John Jacobson** (Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the ND Veterans Coordinating Council) Testified in support of SCR 4003. See attached testimony.

**Terry Richardson** (Commander of the United Patriotic Bodies in Fargo, Moorhead, and West Fargo) Testified in support of SCR 4003. He introduced some other members of their committee. He said they had been working very hard on this name to get it approved at every post within West Fargo, Fargo, and Moorhead. The name of Veterans Memorial Bridge is in honor of all the veterans, not just the fallen ones in the past. The bridge is a monument to all citizens of Fargo, Moorhead, and West Fargo areas. It is something to give to our veterans when they are coming back, the ones that have passed before us, and our present veterans.

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**David Thiele** (ND National Guard) On behalf of Major General Mike Haugen, the Adjutant General, he appeared in strong support of SCR 4003.

**Raymond Rothmann** (Member of Post 9 in Bismarck, Past Dept. Commander) On behalf of the AMVETs of the state of ND appeared in strong support of SCR 4003.

**Senator Nething** noted on the bottom of the resolution those it would be sent to after passage.

He asked if it would be appropriate to send it to the top of the structure. The governor in each state has authority over the DOT and he thought they should be included.

**Senator Trenbeath** agreed with him and said the intern would look into amending it.

The hearing on SCR 4003 was closed.

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4003

Senate Transportation Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-27-05

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		65-230
1		x	1930-1981
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Mary K Monson</i>			

Minutes:

**Chairman Trenbeath** opened SCR 4003 for discussion. He reported that it was appropriate to include copies of this to the governor of ND and the governor of MN as was suggested at the hearing. He submitted an amendment to include them.

**Senator Espgaard** motioned a Do Pass on the amendment. Seconded by **Senator Mutch**.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

**Senator Nething** motioned a **Do Pass as Amended**. Seconded by **Senator Mutch**.

Roll call vote 6-0-0. **Passed**. Floor carrier is **Senator Trenbeath**.

Date: 1-27-05  
Roll Call Vote #: \_\_\_\_\_

**2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4003**

Senate TRANSPORTATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Do Pass as Amended

Motion Made By Sen. Nething Seconded By Sen. Mutch

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Esguard	✓		Senator Bercier	✓	
Senator Mutch	✓		Senator Warner	✓	
Senator Nething	✓				
Senator Trenbeath, Chairman	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Trenbeath

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
January 27, 2005 6:09 p.m.

Module No: SR-18-1247  
Carrier: Trenbeath  
Insert LC: 53018.0201 Title: .0300

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4003: Transportation Committee (Sen. Trenbeath, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4003 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 22, after the first "the" insert "Governor, the" and after the comma insert "the Governor of Minnesota,"

Renumber accordingly



2005 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

SCR 4003


## 2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

### RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4003

#### House Transportation Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 4, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		0.6-8.4
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

**Chairman Weisz** opened the hearing on Engrossed SCR 4003 A concurrent resolution designating, in conjunction with the state of Minnesota, the Main Avenue bridge between Fargo, North Dakota, and Moorhead, Minnesota, as the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

**Senator Syverson:** (see attached testimony #1)

**Rep. Bernstein**(3.4) All I can do is echo Senator Syverson's words. I think it is the least we can do to remind us of their sacrifices.

**Senator Stan Lyson:** I just wanted to say dido. I am in support of the bill.

**Bruce Furness:** Fargo Mayor. To indicate that the Fargo City Commission has endorsed this and I have worked with the City of Moorhead. Everyone agrees that it is the right thing to do and I would like to strongly encourage you to support the resolution.

**Wallace Burlingham,** United Patriotic Bodies in Fargo. We represent 8,000 members of the areas of these three cities. We have been working on the Veterans Memorial Project for three

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years. All of our close supporters approve the name of Veterans Memorial Bridge. This new bridge on main avenue and highway 10 ties local communities together.

**John Jacobsen:** (See attached testimony #2)

**Chairman Weisz** Any other support for SCR 4003. Any opposition for SCR 4003?

**David Munch:** I live in Morton County. I believe we have a Memorial Bridge right here in Bismarck. Chairman Weisz said it was the Liberty Memorial Bridge, that is correct.

(closed hearing 7.4)

**Motion Made By Rep. Hawken Seconded By Rep. Bernstein**

**Do Pass 14 Yes 0 No 1 Absent Carrier: Rep. Bernstein**

Closed 8.4

Date: 3-4-05  
Roll Call Vote #:

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 1003

House Transportation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken As Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Hawken Seconded By Rep. Bernstein

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Weisz - Chairman	✓		Rep. Delmore	✓	
Rep. Hawken - Vice Chair.	✓		Rep. Meyer	✓	
Rep. Bernstein	✓		Rep. Schmidt	✓	
Rep. Dosch	<u>absent</u>		Rep. Thorpe	✓	
Rep. Iverson	✓				
Rep. Kelsch	✓				
Rep. Owens	✓				
Rep. Price	✓				
Rep. Ruby	✓				
Rep. Vigasaa	✓				
Rep. Weiler	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Bernstein

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
**March 4, 2005 2:20 p.m.**

**Module No: HR-40-4212**  
**Carrier: Bernstein**  
**Insert LC: . Title: .**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4003, as engrossed: Transportation Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman)**  
**recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (14 YEAS,**  
**0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SCR 4003 was placed on the**  
**Tenth order on the calendar.**

**2005 TESTIMONY**

**SCR 4003**

## North Dakota Veteran's Coordinating Council

My name is John L. Jacobsen. I am the chairman of the Legislative Committee of the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council. I am a member of both the VFW and the American Legion. I am also a member of the VFW National Legislative Committee. We work directly with our Members of Congress on legislation at the national level.

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.

The NDVCC membership is comprised of 15 members representing the five (5) veterans' organizations in the state. They are:

- American Legion
- AMVETS
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
- Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)

These organizations represent approximately 60,000 veterans currently living in North Dakota.

I am a member of the Legislative Committee of the NDVCC. I am not a member of the NDVCC but report directly to them. In order for the Legislative Committee to support any bill brought up before our Legislature, concurrence must be unanimous, that is all 15 members must agree that we should support the bill. A single negative response will kill our support.

# **Veterans by County As of 10 September 2004**

Adam	243	Mountrail	637
Barnes	1,162	Nelson	438
Benson	486	Oliver	165
Billings	123	Pembina	892
Bottineau	711	Pierce	456
Bowman	238	Ramsey	987
Burke	248	Ransom	623
Burleigh	6,585	Renville	314
Cass	10,287	Richland	1,368
Cavalier	489	Rolette	903
Dickey	491	Sargent	399
Divide	262	Sheridan	182
Dunn	328	Sioux	316
Eddy	259	Slope	55
Emmons	376	Stark	1,990
Foster	295	Steele	224
Golden Valley	192	Stutsman	2,058
Grand Forks	6,316	Towner	272
Grant	260	Traill	840
Griggs	267	Walsh	1,259
Hettinger	310	Ward	5,883
Kidder	251	Wells	479
LaMoure	401	Williams	2,011
Logan	190		
McHenry	635	TOTAL	59,058
McIntosh	280		
McKenzie	562		
McLean	969		
Mercer	828		
Morton	2,301		

These numbers do not include veterans who have returned from Iraq or Afghanistan or other deployments of the Guard or Reserves.

Source:  
ND Department of Veterans Affairs



SCR 4003

3-4-05

#1

From: , 112107.2332

Mr Chairman and committee members -

I am here this morning to advocate for the resolution that you have before you . It involves the application of a name to a bridge , and to me it is very appropriate since bridges represent so many good things . They provide a means of communication to bring us together , commerce to allow us to grow economically and in this case ,connectivity that brings our nation closer together by binding each various and diverse state to one and another for common purpose . Our nation is unique in that it is diverse but unified . Unified by common purposes , goals , and ambitions , all made possible by our liberty , freedom and security .There are men and women that have done more than their share to assure that our freedoms light was not to be dimmed . Many have given the ultimate

Mr Chairman , these men and women have , are now , and will in the future , continue to give more than we can imagine or expect . They leave their spouses , children , families , homes and jobs to answer the clarion call of our nation in it;s time of need . They ask not for our tears or sympathy , for supporting our country is what they have chosen to do , but Mr Chairman , they should be given our every ounce respect , veneration and honor . Whatever we do for them , cannot repay them the debt that we owe every one of them . If , we as a nation , forget them and what they have done , if , we disregard their contribution , if we dim their bright shiny beacon of unselfish contribution - it is our nation that will suffer . Let us send a message to the next generations as well , that your service and sacrifice also will not be forgotten .

I am reminded of an old poem that addresses the future " to you , from falling hands we throw the torch - be yours to hold it high . if you break faith with us , who die - we shall not sleep while poppies grow " .

From the Delaware , to the Chattahoochee, to the Meuse to the Rhine ,to the Han , to the Mekong , and on to the Tigris and Euphrates our Warriors have been there to cross the watercourses in defense of our independence our unity or our freedom . Let US honor THEM by remembering those many crossings , in those many efforts by so many - by giving this bridge a memorable and unforgettable name

Mr Chairman and committee , this a strong and attractive bridge that would proudly wear the name -- Veterans Memorial Bridge - we - can do no less .

I thank you for your attention and time .

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I have been instructed to ask you to support this bill.  
Thank you.