

2025 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1228

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee Room JW327E, State Capitol

HB 1228
1/24/2025

Relating to designating a portion of state highway 5 in Bottineau as the LCDR Carl J. Woods Vietnam bridge; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

9:00 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman D. Ruby, Vice Chairman Grueneich, Representatives Christianson, Dressler, Finley-DeVill, Frelich, Hendrix, Johnston, Kasper, Koppelman, Maki, Morton, Osowski, Schatz

Discussion Topics:

- The life and service of Lieutenant Commander Carl J. Woods
- The family of LCDR Carl J. Woods and their service

9:03 a.m. Representative D. Anderson, District 6, ND Legislative Assembly, introduced HB 1228 and submitted testimony #31277.

9:05 a.m. Jim Nelson, Legislative Director, ND Department of Veterans Affairs, testified in favor.

9:09 a.m. Kieth Peterson, US Army Veteran, testified in favor.

9:00 a.m. Lonnie Wangen, ND Department of Veterans Affairs, testified in favor and submitted testimony #30804.

9:13 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby closed the hearing.

9:13 a.m. Representative Frelich moved a Do Pass.

9:13 a.m. Representative Christianson seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Craig Headland	Y
Representative Jared Hagert	Y
Representative Dick Anderson	Y
Representative Jason Dockter	Y
Representative Ty Dressler	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Mike Motschenbacher	Y
Representative Dennis Nehring	Y
Representative Jeremy Olson	Y

Representative Todd Porter	Y
Representative Vicky Steiner	Y
Representative Nathan Toman	Y
Representative Austin Foss	Y
Representative Zachary Ista	Y

9:14 a.m. Motion passed 14-0-0.

9:14 a.m. Representative Morton will carry the bill.

9:14 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby closed the meeting.

Janae Pinks, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1228 ([25.0281.01000](#))

Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1228 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs
Lonnie Wangen-Commissioner

1/24/2025

**House Transportation Committee
69th Legislative Session
Representative Ruby-Chair**

Chairman Ruby and House Transportation Committee,

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Jim Nelson

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Bottineau, North Dakota

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22 SEP 65

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DANANG - 1025

WATER
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WATER - 1605

THONG

DANANG - 1700

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24 SEPT 65

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DANANG - 0535

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26 SEP 65

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DANANG - 1025

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Carl pushed off the USS Bohomme Richerd on a reconnaissance mission. After his plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire, instead of bailing out of his plane he instead flew his crippled plane some 40mile to the Tonkin Gulf where he ejected. Carl died when his parachute failed to open. His bod was recovered. According to Ralph Shriner, It appeared that upon ejection Carl hit the tail section of his plane because upon recovery his flite helmet was cracked

2025 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

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HB 1228
2/21/2025

Relating to designating a portion of state highway 5 in Bottineau as the LCDR Carl J. Woods Vietnam bridge; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

10:30 a.m. Chairman Clemens opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Clemens, Vice Chairwoman Cory, Senator Hogan, Senator Klein, Senator Paulson, Senator Rummel

Discussion Topics:

- Background of LCDR Carl J. Woods
- Ownership of bridge

10:30 a.m. Representative D. Anderson, District 9, introduced HB 1228, testified in favor and submitted testimony #38307.

10:33 a.m. Jim Nelson, Legislative Director, North Dakota Veterans Legislative Council, testified in favor and submitted testimony #38314.

10:40 a.m. Wayde Swenson, Director of Operations, NDDOT, testified neutral.

10:41 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

10:41 a.m. Senator Klein moved a Do Pass.

10:41 a.m. Senator Rummel seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Claire Cory	AB
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Jerry Klein	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Motion passed 5-0-1.

Senator Paulson will carry the bill.

10:42 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

Chance Anderson, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1228 ([25.0281.01000](#))

Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1228 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

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