

Testimony on HB1117

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Chairman Ruby and members of the House Transportation Committee, for the record I am Rep. David Monson from District 19 in far northeastern ND.

This bill was submitted on behalf of my constituents in the Cavalier area. I have copies of letters of support from the local American Legion chapter and the City of Cavalier. We were told the only way to name the bridge within the city of Cavalier on state highway 18 is to do it with a bill. Thus, the bill before you is the vehicle we decided to use to name this bridge the Veterans Memorial Bridge. Chairman Ruby and possibly some of you more veteran members on this committee know how this procedure works much better than I do. I understand this is a well-used tool to name bridges, highways, and other structures on state property such as highways, so I would defer most questions to you Mr. Chairman. About all I can add to this discussion is that there is no fiscal note. The local veterans' group and the city of Cavalier have assured me they will cover the costs of any signage and will make sure the signs are placed by the bridge in accordance to state rules and regulations at no cost to the state in any way.

With that I will try to answer any questions you may have, but as I already stated, members on this committee know much more about this procedure than I do. I hope you give this bill unanimous support for a Do Pass recommendation. Thank you for your consideration.