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SB 2342

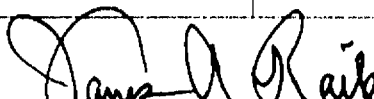
2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2342

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 2, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	7.7-35.1
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes: Chairman Krebsbach called the committee back to order and opened the hearing on SB 2342 which relates to providing a appropriation to the national World War II memorial in Washington, District of Columbia. Appearing before the committee was Senator Russell Thane, District 20, prime sponsor of the bill. A copy of Senator Thanes written testimony is attached. Representative Ron Carlisle, District 30, cosponsor of the bill indicated to the committee that he supports the bill and would hope the committee would give it a positive recommendation. Arnold Maier, Bismarek, presented testimony in support of SB 2342. He submitted black and white handouts to the committee which provide information including photos of the proposed monument. Ray Harkema, Commissioner of Veteran's Affairs appeared before the committee. He indicated that on behalf of all veteran's in the state of North Dakota they would ask a favorable recommendation for SB 2342. Senator C. Nelson indicated that there are several memorials located in Washington, DC, where in proximity is this one to be located? Mr. Harkema indicated that this is on the mall in the same area as the other war memorials. Jerry

Wheatman, representing the Flasher American Legion indicated he is very much in support of this bill. He expressed a concern about names that are missing from the rolls of World War II. Bob Evans, secretary of the North Dakota Veteran's Coordinating Council, appeared before the committee. He indicated that the council unanimously supports this bill and asks the committees favorable consideration of the bill. George Jahner, citizen, appeared before the committee. He indicated he served in the South Pacific and toward the end of the war he was severely wounded and given up for dead. People never expected to see him. He was in the hospital almost four years and came back with the loss of a kidney, the loss of his right hip, and he has been living with this inconvenience and suffering since 1945. He indicated that he has done very well and is glad to be here. He indicated he totally supports SB 2342. Senator C. Nelson inquired what division Mr. Jahner served with. He indicated he was with the 37th Division out of Ohio. Bill Peschle, President of the Veteran's Service Officers Association in North Dakota, appeared before the committee. He indicated that his organization supports SB 2342. Senator Thane came before the committee once more and wanted to clarify to the veterans present that he was not a veteran of World War II, he spent the entire Korean conflict in the Air Force. Senator Dever inquired about where the appropriation was coming from for this bill. Senator Thane indicated that this appropriation will come from the general fund. It will go to the governor and the governor in turn will present it to the World War II Memorial Fund. John Jacobson, Member of the VFW Honor Guard appeared before the committee. Last year our honor guard buried over 120 members or former service members. It is a fitting way to send a veteran to his final rest. The World War II Veterans are dying at a rate of 1,000 to 1,500 a month. Many of them will not see this memorial. He indicated he is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War (Desert Storm) that spent 29 years in the Army Reserve and National Guard. He retired five years ago. He becomes very

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emotional about some of these ways the veterans are being treated or mistreated. The veteran's of World War II do deserve memory of this. He has been to Washington, D. C. and has visited all the memorials and finds it difficult to walk by them without shedding a tear. He urges the committees support of this. There was no further testimony at this time. Chairman Krebsbach indicated that it is a most befitting honor for the World War II Veteran's to have such a memorial, both those who are with us now, and those who have gone before us. A mere thank you to this group of people seems very inadequate. We all in this room today have reaped benefits from their service to our country. The hearing was closed on SB 2342. Senator C. Nelson moved a Do Pass and Rerefer to Appropriations on SB 2342, seconded by Senator Dever. Roll Call Vote indicated 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 Absent or Not Voting. Senator C. Nelson will carry the bill.

Date: 2/22/01  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2342

Senate GOVERNMENT AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
 Conference Committee

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

Action Taken Do Pass - Rerefer to Appropriations

Motion Made By Sen. C. Nelson Seconded By Sen. Dever

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Karen Krebsbach, Chr.	✓		Senator Carolyn Nelson	✓	
Senator Dick Dever, Vice-Chr.	✓		Senator Tim Mathern	✓	
Senator Ralph Kilzer	✓				
Senator Rich Wardner	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator C. Nelson

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
February 2, 2001 12:36 p.m.

**Module No: SR-19-2226**  
**Carrier: C. Nelson**  
**Insert LC: . Title: .**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2342: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Krebsbach, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2342 was rereferred to the Appropriations Committee.**

2001 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2342



2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB2342

Senate Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 12, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
Tape #1		x	45.0-50.7
Tape 2	x		0.0 - 9.3
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Cynthia Petersen</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Nething opened the hearing on SB2342.

Representative Maragos, 3, Minot, testified in support of the World War II memorial bill.

Important to honor those veterans as we do all others.

Senator Heitkamp: How did you arrive at the figure?

Representative Maragos: Don't have that background information.

Senator Tallackson: Know how much has been raised so far?

Representative Maragos: some other individuals may have that figure, I do not.

Senator Tallackson: The Grafton funeral director will match each ten dollars given in that area.

Perhaps others will do same.

Representative Thoreson: District 44, Fargo: Testified in support of the bill; noting the moving experience he had while in Washington DC where Mr. Bob Dole addressed this issue. Believes this is a small price to honor those who served our country.

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Hearing Date February 12, 2001

Senator Robinson: How many states have already met the amount?

Representative Thoreson: Believe there were 30-35 -- but my figure is from a year ago.

Senator Thane, District 25, Richland County, testified in support (a copy of written testimony is attached). He also passed around one of the booklets Mr. Bob Dole has authored for the Senators to review.

Senator Schobinger: Know that there has been national push to complete this --- individuals like Tom Hanks and companies like Walmart have been active in this area; along with Dole -- how close is it to fully funding?

Senator Thane: Don't have that answer. Each state was asked to make one dollar contribution per serviceman from their state.

Bob Hanson (Lobbyist #346) North Dakota Veterans' Coordinating Council, testified in support .He spoke on behalf of the Coordinating Council who endorsed it unanimously. North Dakota is one of a few (3 total earlier this year) who have not completed the one dollar per serviceman. North Dakota is one of 4 that has given something.

Arnold Maier (Lobbyist #335), North Dakota Veterans' Coordinating Council, testified for the bill. A need to honor those who served to preserve the peace then. A must for the future generation.

No additional testimony, for, against, or neutral.

Senator Nething closed the hearing on SB2342.

Senator Nething assigned the bill to the Veteran's Subcommittee, Senator Andrist is chair.

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Senate Appropriations Committee

Bill/Resolution Number SB2342

Hearing Date ~~February 12, 2001~~

February 15, 2001 Full Committee Action (Tape 3, Side A; Meter No. First of six bill actions

0.0- 54.6)

Senator Nothing reopened the hearing on SB2342.

Discussion. Senator Thane moved a DO PASS; Senator Heitkamp seconded. Roll Call votes: 14  
yes; 0 no; 0 absent and not voting.

Senator Nothing referred the floor assignment back to the original committee and Senator  
Carolyn Nelson will carry.

Date: 2-15-01

Roll Call Vote #: \_\_\_\_\_

**2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2342**

Senate Appropriations Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_

or

Conference Committee

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

Action Taken As Pass

Motion Made By Sen Thane Seconded By Sen Heitkamp

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Dave Nething, Chairman	✓				
Ken Solberg, Vice-Chairman	✓				
Randy A. Schobinger	✓				
Elroy N. Lindaas	✓				
Harvey Tallackson	✓				
Larry J. Robinson	✓				
Steven W. Tomac	✓				
Joel C. Heitkamp	✓				
Tony Grindberg	✓				
Russell T. Thane	✓				
Ed Kringstad	✓				
Ray Holmberg	✓				
Bill Bowman	✓				
John M. Andrist	✓				

Total Yes 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Sheldon Nelson

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
February 15, 2001 5:09 p.m.

**Module No: SR-28-3590**  
**Carrier: C. Nelson**  
**Insert LC: . Title: .**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2342: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Nething, Chairman) recommends DO PASS**  
(14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2342 was placed on the  
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2001 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SB 2342

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2342

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3/15/01

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		0-1755

Committee Clerk Signature

*Robin D. Small*

Minutes:

REP. M. KLEIN called the hearing to order, all members are present except REP. BELLEEW and REP. HUNSKOR.

In favor:

SEN. RUSSELL THANE, DISTRICT 25

Please see attached testimony. THANE also passed around two books to the committee to look at. The books were titled as such, "Guadal Canal" by Richard B. Frank, and "Heroes of W.W. II" by Edward F. Murphy.

REP. M. KLEIN asks if North Dakota troops were the first on the line of fire? THANE responds that he thinks that is correct but not absolutely sure. REP. CLEARY states that the North Dakota troops had better rifles than most of the army. THANE replies that is correct.

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In favor:

REP. ANDREW MARAGOS, DISTRICT 3

MARAGOS states to the committee that he is very much in favor and wishes for a unanimous passage of this bill. MARAGOS comments to the committee that this is still the greatest generation, these people are very special to us.

In favor:

REP. BLAIR THORSEON, DISTRICT 44

THORSEON tells the committee about the meeting that he attended with SEN. BOB DOLE as the speaker. DOLE talked about W.W.II and the importance of the people that served in it. That is what inspired THORSEON to be one of the sponsors on the bill.

In favor:

ARNOLD MAIER, VFW COORDINATING COUNCIL

Please see attached testimony.

MAIER states to the committee that the 164th regiment was the first on the lines and they were from North Dakota. REP. M. KLEIN asks if 68,000 North Dakotans served in W.W.II? MAIER replies that is true. REP. M. KLEIN asks if there would have essentially been more? MAIER replies that he is not sure. REP. KLEMIN comments to the committee that he does not understand why it took so long to get this.

Being there was no further testimony in favor or in opposition the hearing was then closed.

Action was taken right away. REP. GRANDE motioned for a DO PASS AND BE

REREFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS, seconded by REP. KASPER. The roll call was taken with 13 YES, 0 NO and 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING. The motion carries, THE CARRIER of the bill is REP. M. KLEIN.



