

2009 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SB 2410

# 2009 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No.2410

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: 02/13/09

Recorder Job Number: 9441

Committee Clerk Signature *Kates Aweel*

Minutes:

**Senator Robinson:** State Senator District 24 in Valley City. SB2410 is before you at the request of Administrative Committee on Veteran Affairs. Language calls for the Executive Director of North Dakota Association of Counties. This is an important organization and it's the feeling of the individuals that will testify. Most of the issues are county service officers. That is the rational, to bring the membership from 3 to 5. Those 2 people would be invited to provide direction, input, advice and it elevates the issue. Since I was asked to intro this bill I was approached by Rudy Jensen to bring 1 new person to the organization. There is a group called the Professional Veterans Advocates of North Dakota, they just filed taxes in North Dakota this past year. I have an amendment to allow for their membership as well. See attachment #1 Yesterday I was approached by Senator Marcellais to include the Native Americans. I would welcome that, we want to be inclusive. I apologize for how this came to the Government and Veterans Affairs. That is the nuts and bolts of 2410. I think it is a good bill and from what I can gather it will improve dialogue. I will stand for any questions. Senator Marcellais

**Senator Cook:** In your mind is there a problem we are trying to correct?

**Senator Robinson:** Not aware of a problem. We have Veterans coming home with a different set of experiences. The challenges are not getting any easier. As we move forward, this is an issue that unless you are a Veteran, or have been there then you can't understand.

**Senator Nelson:** This is adding ex officio nonvoting members. Why do we need to put this into code?

**Senator Robinson:** I would defer those questions to the people who are Veteran's. This is what they have asked and if there are further amendments here. Time is of the essence here. I would support an amendment that would include the Native Americans.

**Senator Dever:** Since we have this section open I think that the adjunct general he would like to put in 'or his designees'

**Lyle Schucart:** I am in favors of this bill. As ex officio members we invite people to our quarterly meetings. That is invaluable to us, adding these 2 would provide dentures, glasses, hearing aids. Valuable input, we ask you to support this bill. That is a breakaway unit, not everyone supports that. They want to be added as ex officio and add native Americans to the amendments. I can understand the # of Veteran's that they have and with

**Senator Cook:** Why Executive Director of North Dakota Association of Counties?

**Lyle Schucart:** Counties hire the Veteran service officers.

**Senator Cook:** If we have the president of the professional advocates and then there is a split between those that believe in more training and those that don't.

**Lyle Schucart:** That is correct.

**Senator Dever:** Line 10 of the existing language.

**Lyle Schucart:** Just reading it here that it can't be the commissioner.

**Senator Nelson:** If you don't know who that is and all those folks are supposed to be there

**Lyle Schucart:** Must be a commissioner of Vet Affairs

**Senator Dever:** There is another bill that reduces the number of members to 7. If that passes we

**Lyle Schucart:** If they adopt that bill it changes everything.

**Senator Oehlke:** Are we leaving anyone out? Should they be represented too?

**Lyle Schucart:** When this was set up, by law Vietnam Veterans not included at that time.

Those people can belong to the committee.

**Senator Oehlke:** I was just wondering why they were not listed.

**Senator Dever:** The Administrative Committee is probably obsolete. I was elected in 2000 and the Veterans have had a lot of success since then. Before that they came in from all directions.

**Lyle Schucart:** Sadly this time it is veterans against veterans.

**Senator Dever:** Differing faction.

**Lyle Schucart:** Not that I know of. It was on 1057 when it started. I was state commander for Am Vets and there was no consultation.

**Senator Dever:** I am a little concerned; to say that you are going to have a set at the table creates an exclusion.

Close public hearing on 2410.

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Committee Clerk Signature *Kate Ouse*

Minutes:

A motion was made by Senator Cook for a do not pass with a second by Senator Oehlke. There was no discussion. The motion passes 5-0 with Senator Dever carrying the bill.

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for  
Senator Robinson  
February 2, 2009

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2410

Page 1, line 9, replace "five" with "six"

Page 1, line 11, after the underscored comma insert "the president of the professional veterans  
advocates of North Dakota,"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2-13  
Roll Call Vote #: \_\_\_\_\_

2009 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

2410  
Carrier  
Dever

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Cook Seconded By Oehlke

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Dick Dever	X		Dwight Cook	X	
Dave Oehlke	X		Carolyn Nelson	X	
Robert M. Home	X				

Total Yes 5 No \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
February 13, 2009 2:06 p.m.

Module No: SR-29-2699  
Carrier: Dever  
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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2410: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Dever, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
SB 2410 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.