

2011 HOUSE EDUCATION

HB 1271

## 2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Education Committee  
Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1271  
01/19/11  
13083

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



### MINUTES:

**Chairman RaeAnn Kelsch:** We will open the hearing on HB 1271.

**Rep. Randy Boehning:** Sponsor. I introduced this to clean up some language of this bill as more of a house keeping bill.

**Chairman RaeAnn Kelsch:** Questions? Support?

**John L. Jacobsen – Chairman, Legislative Committee of the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council:** Support. Testimony. Attachment.

**Chairman RaeAnn Kelsch:** What happened to the dates?

**John L. Jacobsen – Chairman, Legislative Committee of the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council:** They were changed to coincide with federal dates.

**Vice Chair Lisa Meier:** How many veterans are applying for these honorary diplomas?

**John L. Jacobsen – Chairman, Legislative Committee of the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council:** I don't know this. I would think DPI would have that information.

**Chairman RaeAnn Kelsch:** Wasn't there a day that the governor gave out a number of diplomas?

**John L. Jacobsen – Chairman, Legislative Committee of the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council:** I can't answer that. I don't remember that.

**Rep. Dennis Johnson:** Looking at these dates, wasn't there a discussion on the issue that some weren't able to join the American Legion because of these dates?

**John L. Jacobsen – Chairman, Legislative Committee of the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council:** The legion had dates for their effective membership but I was informed rather than using the legion dates they followed the government dates for this particular bill. I don't know what exactly the legion has required.

**Chairman RaeAnn Kelsch:** Questions? Support? Opposition. We will close hearing on HB 1271.

**15 YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABESNT DO PASS CARRIER: Rep. Dennis Johnson**

Date: 1-19-01  
Roll Call Vote #: \_\_\_\_\_

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1271

House EDUCATION Committee

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

Action Taken:  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Amended  Adopt  
Amendment

Rerefer to Appropriations  Reconsider

Motion Made By REP. MEIER Seconded By REP. HEILMAN

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Kelsch	X		Rep. Hanson	X	
Vice Chairman Meier	X		Rep. Hunsakor	X	
Rep. Heilman	X		Rep. Mock	X	
Rep. Heller	X		Rep. Mueller	X	
Rep. Johnson	X				
Rep. Karls	X				
Rep. Rohr	X				
Rep. Rust	X				
Rep. Sanford	X				
Rep. Schatz	X				
Rep. Wall	X				

Total (Yes) 15 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment REP. D. JOHNSON

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1271: Education Committee (Rep. R. Kelsch, Chairman) recommends DO PASS**  
(15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1271 was placed on the  
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2011 SENATE EDUCATION

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# 2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Education Committee  
Missouri River Room, State Capitol

HB 1271  
March 15, 2011  
15429

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to honorary high school diplomas for Korean conflict veterans.

## Minutes:

See "attached testimony."

**Senator Marcellais, District 9** introduced HB 1271; no fiscal note attached. (#1 Testimony) The bill changes the dates that a Korean veteran had to be a member of the armed forces to receive honorary high school diplomas. Date changed to June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955.

**Senator Gary Lee:** Do you know the reason for the date moving? What is the importance of the date being changed? Is the date change from 1953 to 1955 because when Congress has determined? **Senator Marcellais:** Believes they looked at the history of when the war began, and determined these are the dates that the war was completed. Those are the dates that are referenced on the internet.

**Senator Luick:** Is there anything similar for veterans of others wars? **Senator Marcellais:** Yes, there are for World War II, etc. At the local level his community has honored some of the WWII veterans at the high school during the graduation of the regular seniors. They have honored WWII veterans with a diploma.

**Senator Heckaman:** Do you have any idea how many veterans this would involve? **Senator Marcellais:** No, don't know; only knows there were 6,865 North Dakota veterans and out of that don't know how many are deceased—how many are left.

**John Jacobsen, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council** testified in support of the bill (#2 Testimony)

**Senator Gary Lee:** Trying to understand the date change—did the federal government determine that 1955 was the appropriate date for the end of the Korean War or was North Dakota statute not correct? **John Jacobsen:** He looked that up on the internet; believes that 1953 was the date the combat stopped, but the occupation of the area was extended but not sure how they drew that date.

No further testimony in favor; no opposition. Hearing closed.

**Senator Marcellais:** Move a Do Pass to HB 1271; second by **Senator Heckaman**. She states she's not a very good history buff so will take the testimony as correct and the need to change the date. Think this is a very worthy cause. Motion carried 7-0-0. Senator Marcellais will carry the bill.

Date: 3/15/11  
Roll Call Vote # 1

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1271

Senate Education Committee

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

Action Taken:  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Amended  Adopt Amendment  
 Rerefer to Appropriations  Reconsider

Motion Made By Sen. Marcellais Seconded By Sen. Heckaman

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Layton Freborg	X		Senator Joan Heckaman	X	
Vice Chair Donald Schaible	X		Senator Richard Marcellais	X	
Senator Tim Flakoll	X				
Senator Gary A. Lee	X				
Senator Larry Luick	X				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen. Marcellais

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



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1271: Education Committee (Sen. Freborg, Chairman) recommends DO PASS**  
**(7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1271 was placed on the**  
**Fourteenth order on the calendar.**

2011 TESTIMONY

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# TESTIMONY ATTACHMENT

## NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS 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 also a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

I served in the North Dakota National Guard and the US Army Reserve for a total of 30 years. I retired in 1995 as a Colonel. I served on Active Duty in 1991 during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf, stationed in the United Arab Emirates.

The Coordinating Council is made up of 15 members, 3 from each of the five Veterans Organizations in North Dakota:

- American Legion
- AMVETS
- Disabled American Veterans
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Vietnam Veterans of America

It is the policy of the Coordinating Council to support legislation that will benefit the welfare of the members of the Armed Forces. The committee **MUST** concur totally, that is all 15 members must agree on the legislation to be supported or else it does not get the support.

In this case, I have been instructed to recommend to this legislative committee that a "DO PASS" is supported by the Legislative Committee of the Veterans Coordinating Council.



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*Testimony*  
*Senator Richard Marcellais*  
*Senate Education Committee*  
*House Bill 1271*

*Chairman Freborg, members of the Senate Education Committee my name is Senator Richard Marcellais, District 9, Rolette County, Belcourt.*

*I appear before you today in support House Bill 1271 which allows veterans from "The Korean War" to receive honorary high school diplomas.*

*These veterans were members of the United States armed forces between June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955 and the veteran was honorably discharged from the United States armed forces.*

*Just a little history on "The Korean War" which began on June 27, 1950 and ended on January 31, 1955 with a total of 29,557 service members (all services) died in battle, or from battle-related injuries, during the Korean War, 4,184 died from non-combat causes in Korea. 92,934 were wounded in action seriously enough to be evacuated. (This number does not include those lightly wounded who were treated at aid stations and returned to duty)*

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*7,245 service members became Prisoners-of-War. There were around 1.5 million United States armed forces members that were in "The Korean War".*

*Thank You very much for this opportunity, to appear in support of House Bill 1271. If there are any questions I will try and answer them.*

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TESTIMONY ON HB 1271 - ND VETERANS COORDINATING  
COUNCIL.

A veteran is an individual that has signed a blank check in the amount of and up to including his or her life for their country. Good morning, my name is John L. Jacobsen. I am the Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council.

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It is the policy of the Coordinating Council to support legislation that will benefit the welfare of the veterans of the State of North Dakota. The committee **MUST** concur totally, that is all 15 members must agree on the legislation to be supported or else it does not get the support.

This bill just changes the dates of the Korean Conflict to match those of the Federal Government but it will include more veterans who served during that period of time.

In this case, I have been instructed to recommend to this legislative committee that a "DO PASS" on HB 1271 is supported by the membership of the Veterans Coordinating Council.