

2023 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 3007

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HCR 3007
2/3/2023

A concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of the United States combat operations and the release of American prisoners of war in Vietnam.

Chairman Schauer called the meeting to order at 11:33 AM.

Chairman Austen Schauer, Vice Chairman Bernie Satrom, Reps. Landon Bahl, Claire Cory, Jorin Johnson, Karen Karls, Scott Louser, Carrie McLeod, Karen M. Rohr, Vicky Steiner, Steve Vetter, Mary Schneider. Rep. Hoverson not present.

Discussion Topics:

- Members of military lost in the Vietnam War
- Treatment of Vietnam War veterans

Rep. Bellew introduced HCR 3007, speaking in support.

Jim Nelson, Legislative Director of the North Dakota Veterans Legislative Council, supportive testimony (#19071).

Chairman Schauer closed the hearing on HCR 3007 at 11:39 AM.

Rep. Schneider moved a DO PASS on HCR 3007 and place on Consent Calendar.

Seconded by Rep. Rohr.

Roll Call Vote	Vote
Representative Austen Schauer	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	Y
Representative Landon Bahl	Y
Representative Claire Cory	Y
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	AB
Representative Jorin Johnson	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Scott Louser	Y
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative Karen M. Rohr	Y
Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Representative Vicky Steiner	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y

Motion carries 12-0-1.

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Carried by Chairman Schauer.

Chairman Schauer adjourned the meeting at 11:41 AM.

Phillip Jacobs, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3007: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Schauer, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3007 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

2023 SENATE AGRICULTURE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HCR 3007
3/2/2023

A concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of the United States combat operations and the release of American prisoners of war in Vietnam

8:58 AM Chairman Luick opened the meeting. Senators Hogan, Weston, Weber, Luick, Myrdal and Lemm were present.

Discussion Topics:

- Vietnam war
- Prisoners of war
- Committee action

8:58 AM Representative Bellew, North Dakota State Legislator, District 38, introduced the bill and verbally testified in favor.

9:01 AM Jim Nelson, Legislative Director, ND Veterans Legislative Council, verbally testified in favor.

9:06 AM Bob Osheske, 1968 and 1969 Vietnam Veteran, verbally testified in favor.

9:07 AM Senator Weber moved DO PASS HCR 3007

9:07 AM Senator Myrdal seconded.

Roll call vote

Senators	Vote
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y
Senator Mark F. Weber	Y
Senator Kent Weston	Y

Motion Passed 6-0-0. DO PASS HCR 3007

9:13 AM Senator Lemm will carry.

9:13 AM Chairman Luick closed the meeting on HCR 3007

Dave Owen, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3007: Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3007 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

TESTIMONY

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I am here first and foremost a Proud Vietnam veteran who served in the United States Navy both blue and brown waters and as the Legislative Director of the North Dakota Veterans Legislative Council. I am here on behalf of over 8.7 million sailors, soldiers, marines, and airman who fought in the most unpopular war in history. I am here for the 265000+ women who served and the 10,000 serving in country. I also am here for the 58479 including 8 women who gave their lives for something greater than themselves. I am her for the 1584 that are still missing. I am here for MSG Chester Ovnad, who fought in WWII and Korea as a Capt. in the Army. Wanting to stay in the Army he took a demotion to MSG, He died July 8, 1959, after Viet Cong guerillas stormed a mess hall killing 5 advisors as they watched a movie. He has roots in North Dakota in around the Adams area. He was the first American to die in Vietnam and is name 2 on the Wall. I am here for WO1 James McAleer of Steele who died as the result of helicopter crash on August 22,1968 in Lom Dong Province. He was the first from North Dakota to die in Vietnam. I am here for the 20,067 men who served in Vietnam from North Dakota and for the 220+ who killed in action. I am here for the 9 North Dakotans that are still missing and unaccounted for. I am here for all of us who are suffering from Agent Orange, and other toxins, Asbestos exposure, PTSD ,and other illnesses and those that bare the scares of their service. I am here for the hundreds of

ND veterans who had to sneak home under the cover of darkness.

I am here for those who were spit on, heckled, booed, called baby killers, and never getting a true welcome home. I am here for Patrick Glennon from Fessenden and Robert Searle from Grand Forks along the other 72 who died June 3, 1969, when the USS Franks E Evans DD 754 collided with the HMAS Melbourne and was cut in half with the forward sinking in under 3 minutes

On behalf of myself and the NDVLC I request you vote yes