

Veterans and Military Affairs Division

**MINUTES**

Representative Bliss, Chair of the Veterans and Military Affairs Division, called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM, on March 5, 2025, in Room G23 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

BLISS, Matt, Chair  
OLSON, Bjorn, Vice Chair  
BENNETT, Peggy  
CLARDY, Mary Frances  
DAVIS, Ben  
DURAN, Bidal  
FEIST, Sandra  
HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda (remote)  
HILL, Josiah (remote)  
REHRAUER, Kari  
REPINSKI, Aaron

Non-voting member present:

XIONG, Jay, Lead (remote)

Representative Rehrauer moved the minutes of February 26, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF1662 (Rehrauer) Human services data and veterans' data provisions modified.**

Representative Rehrauer moved HF1662 be re-referred to the Human Services Committee.

**Testifiers:**

Jon Kelly, Director of Government Affairs, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

Representative Rehrauer renewed the motion for HF1662 to be re-referred to the Human Services Committee. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF1443 (Olson) Maximum bonded indebtedness allowed for the State Armory Building Commission increased.**

Representative Olson moved HF1443 be re-referred to the General Register.

**Testifiers:**

General Major Shawn Manke, The Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard

Representative Olson renewed the motion for HF1443 to be re-referred to the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF1350 (Feist) Veterans service office grant program modified, and money appropriated.**

Representative Feist moved that HF1350 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus.

**Testifiers:**

Kristy Janigo, Legislative Chair, Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers

Representative Feist renewed the motion that HF1350 be laid over for possible inclusion in an

omnibus.

Representative Bennett assumed the gavel at 8:40 AM.

**HF1445 (Bliss) Veterans burial provisions modified.**

Chair Bliss moved HF1445 be re-referred to the General Register.

**Testifiers:**

Jon Kelly, Director of Government Affairs, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

Chair Bliss Renewed the motion for HF1445 to be re-referred to the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair Bliss assumed the gavel at 8:45.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 AM.



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Representative Bliss, Chair



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Alli Winter, Committee Legislative Assistant