STATE OF MINNESOTA FIFTH MEETING

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-THIRD SESSION

 **VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

Representative Jerry Newton, Chair of the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance & Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, on February 13, 2023, in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members present:**

NEWTON, Jerry, Chair

ELKINS, Steve, Vice-Chair

BLISS, Matt, Minority Lead

BENNETT, Peggy

CLARDY, Mary Frances

COULTER, Nathan

GREENMAN, Emma

HUDELLA, Shane

LISLEGARD, Dave

NORRIS, Matt

OLSON, Bjorn

WEINS, Mark

A quorum was present.

Representative Lislegard moved that the minutes from February 6, 2023, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF837 (Garofalo) State veterans’ cemetery burial fee removed for spouses and dependents of eligible veterans.

Chair Newton moved that HF837 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Representative Garofalo presented HF837.

Testifiers:

* Jack Schlichting

Chair Newton renewed the motion that HF837 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF904 (Engen) Veterans’ license plate requirements clarified.

Chair Newton moved that HF904 be re-referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Engen presented HF904.

Testifiers:

* Mic Aguirre, Chair, Commander’s Task Force
* Pong Xiong, Director, Department of Vehicle Services

Chair Newton renewed the motion that HF904 be re-referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF236 (Freiberg) Property tax provisions modified, and market value exclusion increased for disabled veterans.

Chair Newton moved that HF236 be re-referred to the Taxes Committee.

Chair Newton moved the H0236DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Freiberg presented HF236, as amended.

Chair Newton renewed the motion that HF236, as amended, be re-referred to the Taxes Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1194 (Bliss) ­­­­­Veteran retreats funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Bliss moved that HF1194 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Representative Bliss moved the H1194A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Bliss presented HF1194, as amended.

Testifiers:

* Cara Ruff, Executive Director, Independent Lifestyle, Inc. - Camp Bliss

Chair Newton renewed the motion that HF1194, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF1353 (Clardy) Veterans’ spouses and current military service members’ spouses allowed to receive eye movement desensitization and reprocessing therapy through veterans’ resilience project, veterans’ resilience project grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair Newton moved that HF1353 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Representative Clardy presented HF1353.

Testifiers:

* Susan Marschalk
* Jonna Phillips
* Eric Wickiser
* Jacob Thomas

Chair Newton renewed the motion that HF1353 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 P.M.

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|  Representative Jerry Newton, Chair |

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|  Robin Schmidt, Committee Legislative Assistant |