

Veterans and Military Affairs Division

**MINUTES**

Representative Bliss, Co-Chair of the Veterans and Military Affairs Division, called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM, on April 9, 2025, in Room G23 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

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

Representative Feist moved the minutes of April 2, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF2444 (Bliss/Xiong) Veterans and military affairs finance bill.**

Co-Chair Bliss moved HF2444 be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Co-Chair Xiong moved the H2444DE2 amendment.

Co-Chair Bliss moved the H2444A2 amendment to the H2444DE2. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Co-Chair Xiong moved the H2444A4 amendment to the H2444DE2 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Co-Chair Xiong renewed the motion that H2444DE2 amendment, as amended, be adopted. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

**Testifiers:**

Lieutenant colonel Eric Athman, Director of Operations, Minnesota Department of Military Affairs  
Commissioner Brad Lindsay, Minnesota Department of Military Affairs  
Kristy Janigo, American Legion Legislative Chair, Minnesota Association of Country Veterans Service Officers Legislative Chair  
Neil Loidolt, CEO and President of Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans

Co-Chair Bliss renewed the motion that HF2444, as amended, be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM.

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Representative Bliss, Co-Chair

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Alli Winter, Committee Legislative Assistant