



State Legislative Update for the Week of May 4 - 8, 2015

Monday, May 4, 2015

Senate Session

Bill introductions of veterans interest: None

HF 848, the Omnibus Tax bill (Senate version which contains tax credits for businesses hiring veterans), was passed 42 – 25.

House Session

Bill introductions of veterans interest: None

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

The Governor signed **SF 1455** that repeals an outdated statute allowing district courts to appoint the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs as guardian of the estate of a veteran or dependent.

Senate Session

Bill introductions of veterans interest: None

The Senate confirmed the appointment of Larry Shellito as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.

Senate Conferees for **HF 838**, the Omnibus Tax Bill Conference Committee are: Senators Skoe, Rest, Dziedzic, Koenen and Gazelka.

House Session

Bill introductions of veterans interest:

Howe introduced:

HF 2304: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for capital improvements and betterments at military affairs facilities statewide; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance.

HF 1556, a bill to change Hire a Veteran Month from May to July was given its third reading and passed the House on a vote of 129 – 0.

HF 450, a bill that establishes Military Spouses and Families Day the Sunday before Memorial Day, was given its third reading and passed the House on a vote of 128 – 0.

House conferees for **HF 848**, the Omnibus Tax Bill Conference Committee are:
Representatives Davids, Drazkowski, Barrett, Swedzinski and Lenczewski.

Committee Hearing

Committee: **Senate Finance**

Chair: Sen. Richard Cohen

Agenda:

SF 362 (Anderson, B): Veterans Honor and Remember flag designation as a symbol of recognition and honor for fallen military service members. The bill was passed and referred to the Senate floor.

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Senate Session

Bill introductions of veterans interest:

Senators Fischbach and Pederson, J. introduced:

SF 2148: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for capital improvements and betterments at military affairs facilities statewide; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

House Session

Bill introductions of veterans interest: None

Thursday, May 7, 2015

Senate Session

Bill introductions of veterans interest: None

House Session

Bill introductions of veterans interest: None

Friday, May 8, 2015

Senate Session

Bill introductions of veterans interest: None

House Session

Bill introductions of veterans interest: None

**Conference Committee Hearings of Veterans Interest
Week of May 11 - 15, 2015**

Monday, May 11, 2015

Conference Committee on SF 888, Omnibus State Government Finance Bill

Chairs: Sen. Tom Saxhaug and Rep. Sarah Anderson

Room: Basement State Office Building

Time: 6 PM or At the Call of the Chair