



Conference Committee Schedule Week of April 29 - May 3, 2013

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Conference Committee on SF1589

Chairs: Sen. Tom Saxhaug and Rep. Mary Murphy

Time: At the call of the chair

Room: 118 Capitol

Agenda:

SF1589: Omnibus State Government, Veterans and Military Affairs appropriations.

Conferees:

Senate: Saxhaug; Eaton; Franzen; Champion; Metzen

Representatives: Murphy; Nelson; Simon; Newton; Bernardy

State Legislative Week in Review Week of April 20 - 26, 2013

During the House Session on Friday, April 19, the Speaker of the House announced the appointment of the following members of the House of Representatives to a **Select Committee on Veterans Housing**:

Rep. Jerry Newton, Chair; Rep. Jim Abeler; Rep. Paul Anderson; Rep. Karen Clark; Rep. Matt Dean; Rep. Bob Dettmer; Rep. Alice Hausman; Rep. Thomas Huntley and Rep. Mary Murphy.

Saturday, April 20, 2013

House Session

Representative Persell moved that the House concur in the Senate amendments to **HF143**, a bill for an act relating to veterans; authorizing placement of a plaque in the court of honor on the Capitol grounds to honor American Indian veterans from this state, and that the bill be re-passed as amended by the Senate. The motion prevailed. The bill was read for the third time and passed 127-0.

SF1589, the Omnibus State Government and Veterans Affairs Finance Bill was placed on final passage, as amended, and passed the House 74-54.

Representative Lohmer's motion to reconsider the earlier passage of **SF1589** prevailed. The bill, as amended was placed on final passage and the roll was called. The bill passed 73-56.

Monday, April 22, 2013

Senate Session

The Senate did not concur with **SF1589** as amended by the House so a conference committee of five was appointed. Those members are: Senators Saxhaug; Cohen; Eaton; Champion; and Franzen.

House Session

Bill introductions of veterans interest:

Bernardy, Erhardt, Sawatzky, Abeler and Atkins introduced:

HF1795: A bill for an act relating to transportation; providing for disability parking for vehicles bearing special World War II veteran plates; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 169.345, subdivisions 1, 2; 169.346, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following members of the House to a **Conference Committee on SF1589**, the Omnibus State Government and Veterans Affairs Finance Bill: Representatives Mary Murphy; Newton; Nelson; Simon and Bernardy.

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Governor Dayton signed into law the legislation authorizing placement of a plaque in the Court of Honor on the Capitol grounds to honor American Indian veterans from this state. The bill passed both the House and Senate with unanimous support.

House Session

HF677, the Omnibus Tax bill, was debated on the House floor. Items of veterans interest include a federal active service exception that grants active duty military homeowners a six-month grace period to pay their property taxes; the expansion of eligibility for the tax credit for past military service to include any veteran who receives a pension or retirement pay for service in the military; and, a veterans jobs tax credit that allows employers to claim a credit of up to \$1200 for each disabled veteran and up to \$600 for each unemployed veteran hired. The jobs tax credit sunsets after tax year 2016. The bill was read for the third time and passed, 69-64.

The bill introductions and committee hearing status can be found on the Veteran Bill Tracker spreadsheet under Legislative Updates at <http://www.mdva.state.mn.us/> .