

SENATE HEARING SLIP

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DATE: 2-20-02

BILL NO. SB 353

SUBJECT

Sen. Harsdorf

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(Representing)

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Rep. Petris

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SUBJECT VERAVER'S DAY

RANDY BARR  
(NAME)

(Street Address or Route Number)

910 HAZEL ST  
(City and Zip Code)

PRINCE FALLS WI  
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Terry Messer  
(NAME)

(Street Address or Route Number)

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(City and Zip Code)

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SUBJECT Government Holidays

Bill Kloster  
(NAME)

14 SENECA Cir  
(Street Address or Route Number)

MADISON 53717  
(City and Zip Code)

WDVA  
(Representing)

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(NAME) Jessica D. J. J. J.

(Street Address or Route Number) \_\_\_\_\_

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(NAME) Tatie Anderson

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(NAME) Laura Fox

(Street Address or Route Number) \_\_\_\_\_

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(NAME)

*Bob S Jangles*

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(NAME)

*Mr Johnson*

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OR

SUBJECT *Veterans Day*

(NAME)

*Kylie Rolie*

(Street Address or Route Number)

(City and Zip Code)

(Representing)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME) Morgan Prustad  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address or Route Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Representing)

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(NAME) Take sponsors  
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(Street Address or Route Number)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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(NAME) Michael J. Furell  
P.O. Box 16023  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address or Route Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City and Zip Code) MADISON, WI 53761

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(Representing) VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTS MAKING VETERANS DAY A STATE HOLIDAY.

VETERANS DAY IS THE DAY SET ASIDE TO THANK AND HONOR ALL THOSE WHO SERVED HONORABLY IN THE MILITARY, BOTH IN WARTIME AND PEACETIME. VETERANS DAY IS LARGELY INTENDED TO THANK LIVING VETERANS FOR THEIR SERVICE, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY ARE APPRECIATED AND TO UNDERSCORE THE FACT THAT ALL THOSE WHO SERVED OR ARE SERVING HAVE SACRIFICED AND DONE THEIR DUTY. VETERANS DAY IS A CELEBRATION TO HONOR AMERICA'S VETERANS FOR THEIR PATRIOTISM, LOVE OF COUNTRY AND WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AND SACRIFICE FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

EACH YEAR COMMUNITIES ALL ACROSS WISCONSIN CONDUCT EVENTS AND CEREMONIES TO HONOR VETERANS, ESPECIALLY THE ONES WHO LIVE, WORK AND RAISE THEIR FAMILIES IN THAT COMMUNITY. YET OUR CITIZENS MUST TAKE TIME OFF FROM WORK TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THESE

Testimony for SB 353  
Rep. Mark Pettis  
Senate Committee on Labor and Agriculture  
February 20, 2002

Honoring our veteran's is a very serious thing for many people, especially in light of the sacrifices they have made for our country. Having a day set aside to honor them is not only appropriate, but historical as well. It is only fitting that we honor those that have served our country with a state holiday. The unselfish acts of these men and women deserve such an honor.

Under current law, the state does not set aside November 11<sup>th</sup> as an official paid holiday; however, Veterans' Day is only considered a legal holiday. A legal holiday is defined as a day where certain specific legal functions of state government are not performed, however, most other state government functions are state performed. Other legal holidays in the state include Presidents' Day and Columbus Day both of which are federal, but not state paid holidays.

Wisconsin is the ONLY state not to honor our veteran's with a state holiday. Assembly Bill 690 would add Veteran's Day to other official paid holidays Wisconsin observes including Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. In all cases state governmental offices are closed, including some schools. This bill would not require schools to be closed, local school boards would have the option just as they do with the day honoring Dr. Martin Luther King in January.

According to statistics provided by the National Conference of State Legislatures, nationally, the average number of official paid holidays granted is 11.2 days. In Wisconsin, the number of days allowed are 9 with Minnesota offering 11 and Michigan and Illinois each allowing 12.

Wisconsin has a great Veteran heritage dating back to the Civil War. We need to officially honor that heritage and give everyone the opportunity to do the same.

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor. These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day".

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later in 1938 by similar Congressional action.

In 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill passed by congress changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day in order to honor all Veteran's from all wars or periods of service. A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

Our state prides itself by being one of the best states in the nation for Veterans to retire. Wisconsin recognizes their importance by providing some of the best benefits to veterans in the country, it only makes sense we set aside a day to honor their sacrifice.



# Vote Record

## Senate - Committee on Labor and Agriculture

Date: 9/20/02  
Moved by: Harsdorf Seconded by: Hansen  
Clearinghouse Rule: \_\_\_\_\_  
AB: \_\_\_\_\_ SB: 353 Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_  
AJR: \_\_\_\_\_ SJR: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
AR: \_\_\_\_\_ SR: \_\_\_\_\_

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Be recommended for:

- Passage
- Introduction
- Adoption
- Rejection

- Indefinite Postponement
- Tabling
- Concurrence
- Nonconcurrence
- Confirmation

### Committee Member

Sen. David Hansen, Chair  
Sen. Russell Decker  
Sen. Jim Baumgart  
Sen. Alan Lasee  
Sen. Sheila Harsdorf

<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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Totals: 3

Motion Carried

Motion Failed

*Senate*

**Committee on Labor and Agriculture  
Senator Dave Hansen, Chair**

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**PAPER BALLOT**

**Date:** February 21, 2002


**Bill:** Senate Bill 353 - relating to state government holidays

**Motion:** Passage

**Moved by:** Harsdorf

**Seconded by:** Hansen

**Aye:**  **No:**



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Senator Russ Decker

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**Committee on Labor and Agriculture  
Senator Dave Hansen, Chair**

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**Aye:** \_\_\_\_\_ **No:**  \_\_\_\_\_



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