

## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform**

##### **Senate Bill 613**

Relating to: the transfer of funds to the veterans trust fund, exempting certain veterans from tuition and fees at the University of Wisconsin System and at technical colleges, eligibility for tuition fee remissions of unremarried surviving spouses and children of certain deceased veterans, information technology server and network infrastructure staff in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and making an appropriation.

By Senators S. Fitzgerald, Brown, Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Darling, Erpenbach, Grothman, Hansen, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Kapanke, Lassa, A. Lasee, Lazich, Leibham, Olsen, Robson, Roessler, Stepp, Taylor, Wirch and Zien; cosponsored by Representatives Loeffelholz, Ainsworth, Albers, Bies, Boyle, Cullen, Davis, Fields, J. Fitzgerald, Freese, Friske, Gard, Grigsby, Gronemus, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hebl, Hines, Hubler, Hundertmark, Kleefisch, Krawczyk, Kestell, Kreibich, Kreuser, Krusick, Lamb, F. Lasee, LeMahieu, Lothian, Meyer, Molepske, Montgomery, Moulton, Musser, Nelson, Nerison, Newcomer, Nischke, Ott, Owens, Petrowski, Pettis, Pridemore, Rhoades, Schneider, Sheridan, Sherman, Shilling, Sinicki, Steinbrink, Stone, Strachota, Suder, Towns, Townsend, Travis, Turner, Van Roy, Vruwink, Wieckert, M. Williams, Wood, Young and Zepnick.

February 20, 2006      Referred to Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform.

February 22, 2006      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:      (5)      Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas, Breske and  
Wirch.

Absent:      (0)      None.

##### Appearances For

- Scott Fitzgerald — State Senator, 13th Senate District
- John Scocos — Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA)
- Steve Lawrence, Oregon
- Margaret Lewis, Madison — University of Wisconsin System
- Mark Grams, Juneau — State of Wisconsin American Legion
- Rick Gates, Amery — CUSO Association of Wisconsin
- Kevin Kavanaugh, Cudahy — Military Order of the Purple Heart

### Appearances Against

- None.

### Appearances for Information Only

- Morna Foy, Madison — Wisconsin Technical College System
- Paul Gabriel, Madison — WI Technical College District Board Association

### Registrations For

- Ann Stenavich, Racine
- Steve House, Waupaca — Vietnam Veterans of America
- Bob Wilson, Antigo
- Don Heileger, Stoughton
- John Margowski, Waukesha
- Glen Browen, Milwaukee
- Bud Mautz, Madison — American Legion
- Ken Wendt, Sturgeon Bay
- Pat Brown, Brookfield — WI Submarine Veterans WWII
- Russ Alsteen, Green Bay — Navy Clubs of Wisconsin
- Kathy Marschman, Sun Prairie
- Holly Hoppe, Green Bay — USAF Veteran
- Vera Roddy, Milwaukee
- Don Nelson — UW-Madison
- Walter Stenavich, Racine — WI Department of Veterans Affairs
- Mack Hughes, Milwaukee — WI Department of Veterans Affairs
- Robert Morzenti, Montreal — VVA
- Mary Lex, Antigo
- Donald Lander, Marshfield — SECE
- Ted Mynyk, Ridgeway
- Jon LiDonne, Waupaca — Waupaca County Veterans Services
- Michael Jackson, Madison
- Donna Chrzas, Montello
- James Young, La Crosse — CVSO
- Matilda Cheatham, Appleton — Fox Valley Technical College Student
- Jiahrs Noel, Tomah — Western WI Technical College Student
- Clifton Sorenson, Eau Claire — Vietnam Veterans of America
- Walter Peterson, Madison — Ex-POW
- Jerome Rabetski, Green Bay — Polish Legion of American Veterans
- William Hustad, Monticello — Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Inc
- Paul Bialk, Hales Corners — Marine Corps League

- Paul Weprinsky, Greenfield — Jewish War Veterans
- Tim Thiers, Manitowoc — American Veterans
- Rick Chenore, New Berlin — Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)
- Ken Kuehul, Racine — Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- Ronald Rutkowski, Greenfield — VVAW
- Mike Furgal, Madison — Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

Registrations Against

- None.

February 22, 2006

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas, Breske and  
Wirch.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Zien, seconded by Senator Breske that **Senate  
Amendment 1** be recommended for introduction.

Ayes: (5) Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas, Breske and  
Wirch.

Noes: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1  
RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Breske, seconded by Senator Zien that **Senate  
Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas, Breske and  
Wirch.

Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED,  
Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Zien, seconded by Senator Wirch that **Senate  
Bill 613** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (5) Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas, Breske and  
Wirch.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0



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Daniel Lindstedt  
Committee Clerk