



Committee Minutes

COMMITTEE: Armed Services and Veterans Affairs
CHAIRPERSON: Haraz N. Ghanbari
DATE: April 14, 2021
TIME: 11:00 AM
ROOM: Room 017 (Overflow Room 018)

Chairman Ghanbari called the committee to order at 1100.

The clerk called the role.

With a quorum being present the committee proceeded as a full committee.

Chairman Ghanbari called HCR7 forward for its second hearing.

Chairman Ghanbari invited Retired Brigadier General Richard Green to offer proponent testimony.

General Green gave testimony.

In order to accommodate the schedule of Rep. Ginter, Chairman Ghanbari suspended the second hearing of HCR7.

Chairman Ghanbari called HB190 forward for its first hearing and invited Reps. Ginter and A. Miller to deliver sponsor testimony.

Rep. Ginter testified that war relics are being sold and their history is being taken from Ohio.

Rep. A. Miller testified that war relics are being taken into private ownership and being lost and that HB190 offers protections against this practice. The bill does not prohibit the private transfer of private property but rather prevents public property from becoming private.

Chairman Ghanbari asked if HB190 has been before the House in the 133rd General Assembly and what prevented its passage.

Rep. A. Miller answered that there were issues taken with some definitions in the bill as well as questions about interaction with Federal property.

[Rep. Fowler Arthur asked why there is a hierarchy of who can accept a relic, why an entity would decline a relic, and if there is a timeframe in which an entity would have to decline in order for the next entity in line has the opportunity to accept the relic.

Rep. A. Miller answered that it is not tracked why organization deny possession of war relics but it often comes down to insufficient resources to maintain the relic. States the HB190 preserves public/private ownership distinctions and aims to keep public relics in public ownership.

Rep. Brown asked about confederate war relics in Ohio and if HB190 offers protection to those monuments.

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Rep. A. Miller said that there is a single confederate monument in Ohio and 2 cemeteries in Ohio and that the bill offers no protections to those unacceptable monuments. States that the bill seeks to protect items used to fight wars and not monuments to those wars.

Rep. Sheehy asked that if a municipal government owns a relic and are unable to maintain it; would they be able to sell the war relic to another public entity.

Rep. A. Miller answered that this bill aims to create a clear and efficient way for publicly owned property to be transferred to another public entity to keep war relics from being sold to private speculators.

Rep. Lanese asked for clarification regarding confederate monuments.

Rep. A. Miller answered that the confederate monument in Franklin, OH is privately owned and not protected by the bill.

With no further questions Chairman Ghanbari concluded the first hearing of HB190.

Chairman Ghanbari resumed the second hearing of HCR7 and invited Jodie Perry to provide proponent testimony.

Rep. Brown stated that he is fully supportive of the resolution and keeping the C130's flying.

Rep. Holmes stated that he has combat experience with the C130 and stated that it is an effective aircraft. Then asked about the value of the 179th Air Lift Wing to the NASA Glenn Research Center.

Gen. Green answered that the relationship between the 179th Air Lift Wing and NASA Glenn is a important one for the region. Said that the current issue is that the active USAF only flies the J-model of the C130 and that some Guard units are being upgraded to the J-model. Said that because Ohio has three Air Guard units that Mansfield is always a target for elimination by federal officials. Said that the USAF signed a \$15 Billion contract with Lockheed-Martin for the C130J program. Said he believes that this is an opportunity for more Air Guard units to be fitted with the J-model. Also stated that the US Transportation Command recommends an in-strength of 300 C130's contrary to USAF recommendations.

Rep. A. Miller asked if the case could be made that the assumptions made in the original USAF study is no longer relevant because of the changing needs of our national security.

Gen. Green answered that the new commander of the US Transportation Command will likely change the circumstances.

Chairman Ghanbari said that it is an option for the committee to send a letter to US Transportation Command supporting maintaining current numbers of the C130J aircraft.

Ranking Member Miller moved to amend with amendment AM_134_0985.

Without objection the amendment was accepted and became part of the concurrent resolution.

Vice Chair Loychik moved that HCR7 be referred to the Rules and Reference committee and favorably recommended its passage.

The clerk called the role.

With eleven affirmative votes and no negative votes the motion carried.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

With no further business the committee adjourned.

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