



Committee Minutes

COMMITTEE: Armed Services and Veterans Affairs
CHAIRPERSON: Haraz N. Ghanbari
DATE: April 21, 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.

Without objection the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Chairman Ghanbari called forward SCR1 for its first hearing and invited Sen. Tim Schaffer and Ranking Member A. Miller to provide sponsor testimony.

Sen. Schaffer and Rep. A. Miller provided testimony.

Rep. Richardson asked how many service members have been impacted by the hazardous working conditions at the former test sites.

Rep. A. Miller answered that these sites are regularly used for exercises between the United States and our allies.

Rep. Gross asked if the United States Veterans Administration is recognizing patients from this area of operations.

Rep. A. Miller answered that the complete codification of recognition of those individuals who served in the test sites is completely necessary. Sen. Schaffer answered that the inspiration for the bill came from the Pickerington American Legion which is involved in Atomic Veterans organizations. Sen. Schaffer stated that these organizations have been able to identify these potential patients who served without protection in these areas are those veterans who were there from between 1977 and 1980.

With no further questions the first hearing of SCR1 was concluded.

Chairman Ghanbari called forward HB190 for its second hearing and invited Todd Kleismit for proponent testimony.

Mr. Kleismit provided testimony.

Ranking Member A. Miller asked about the state historic preservation office and what that office does.

Mr. Kleismit answered that the office preserves federal historic property in the same way that the Ohio History Connection preserves Ohio historic assets.

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Rep. A. Miller followed up and asked if the Ohio History Connection supports the bill and if it is able to assist in cataloguing any relics that are exchanged through the apparatus of the bill.

Mr. Kleismit answered that the Ohio History Connection is already doing this work and that the bill would not increase their workload dramatically.

Chairman Ghanabri called Robert E. Grim to deliver proponent testimony on HB190.

Mr. Grim provided testimony.

Rep. Fowler Arthur asked why sales of relics are occurring even when municipalities and cemetery associations are fiscally healthy.

Mr. Grim answered that many relics were scrapped during the World Wars and that there are not many original artifacts remaining. This has driven the price of the items up.

With no further questions the second hearing of HB190 was concluded.

With no further business the committee adjourned at 1134.

Haraz N. Ghanbari, Chair

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