

# ARIZONA STATE SENATE

## 50TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

**DATE:** January 24, 2012                      **TIME:** 9:00 a.m.                      **ROOM:** SHR 3

**CHAIRMAN:** Senator Adam Driggs                      **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Senator John Nelson

**ANALYST:** Bill Ritz                      **INTERN:** Andrew Russell

**COMMITTEE  
SECRETARY:** Teri Occhiato

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#### ATTENDANCE

#### BILLS

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<u>Committee Members</u>	<u>Pr</u>	<u>Ab</u>	<u>Ex</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Senator Antenori	X			SB 1058	DP
Senator Griffin	X			SB 1126	DPA
Senator Jackson	X			SB 1141	DP
Senator Landrum Taylor	X				
Senator Shooter	X				
Senator Nelson, Vice-Chairman			X		
Senator Driggs, Chairman	X				

Chairman Driggs called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and attendance was noted.

## **INTRODUCTION OF STAFF**

**Senator Driggs** introduced the Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee Staff for the 2012 Legislative Session:

Bill Ritz, Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee Research Analyst  
Andrew Russell, Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee Research Intern  
Rod Ross, Majority Staff Senior Policy Advisor  
Braden McBride, Majority Staff Intern  
Aaron Latham, Democratic Staff Communications Director/Policy Advisor  
Sabrina Willard, Democratic Staff Intern  
Teri Occhiato, Committee Secretary  
Sara Stradling, Page  
Nick Debus, Page

## **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

### **SB 1126 – World War II memorial – DO PASS AMENDED**

**Andrew Russell, Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee Intern**, explained SB 1126, the 5-line Driggs amendment dated 1/20/12 at 1:45 p.m. (Attachment A) and answered questions posed by the committee.

**Jim Drake, Assistant Secretary of State**, spoke in support of the bill and answered questions posed by the committee.

Senator Driggs announced the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment B).

**Senator Shooter moved SB 1126 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.**

**Senator Shooter moved the 5-line Driggs amendment dated 1/20/12 at 1:45 p.m. (Attachment A) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.**

**Senator Shooter moved SB 1126 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 1).**

Senator Jackson explained his vote.

### **SB 1058 – department of veterans' services; continuation – DO PASS**

**Andrew Russell, Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee Intern**, explained SB 1058 and answered questions posed by the committee.

**David Lucier, Unified Arizona Veterans**, spoke in support of SB 1058 and answered questions posed by the committee.

**David Hampton, Public Information Officer, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services,** introduced Colonel Joey Strickland, U.S. Army (Ret.) and Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

**Colonel Joey Strickland, Director, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services,** introduced his staff and members of the Veterans' Service Advisory Commission and spoke in support of SB 1058. Colonel Strickland answered questions posed by the committee.

**Senator Shooter moved SB 1058 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.  
The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 2).**

Senators Landrum Taylor and Driggs explained their votes.

**SB 1141 – public fiduciaries; investigatory power – DO PASS**

**Bill Ritz, Veterans, Military and Government Affairs Committee Analyst,** explained SB 1141 and answered questions posed by the committee.

**John Moody, Attorney, Jennings Strouss & Salmon PLC, Maricopa County,** spoke in support of SB 1141 and further explained the bill. Mr. Moody answered questions posed by the committee.

**Gary Strickland, Public Fiduciary, Maricopa County,** answered questions posed by the committee.

Senator Driggs announced the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment A).

**Senator Shooter moved SB 1141 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.  
The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 3).**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Occhiato  
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)