

2023 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1351

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Room JW327E, State Capitol

HB 1351
1/20/2023

A bill relating to designating the bridge on state highway 1806 as the Private Albert Grass WWI bridge.

Chairman D. Ruby opened the hearing at 9:01 AM.

Members present: Chairman Ruby, Vice Chairman Grueneich, Representatives Anderson, Christensen, Dyk, Frelich, Hauck, Koppelman, Murphy, Timmons, Wagner, Weisz, Dakane, Dobervich. No members absent.

Discussion Topics:

- North Dakota Fallen Soldier Tribute
- PVT Albert Grass biography
- Bridge name change

Jim Nelson, Legislative Director for the North Dakota Veterans Legislative Council, testified in support (#14758).

Lonnie Wangen, Commissioner of North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, testified in support (#14316).

Representative Satrom verbally introduced the bill in support.

Chairman D. Ruby closed the hearing at 9:24 AM

Mary Brucker, Committee Clerk

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Chairman Ruby opened the meeting at 9:56AM.

Members present: Chairman Ruby, Vice Chairman Grueneich, Representatives Anderson, Christensen, Dyk, Frelich, Hauck, Koppelman, Murphy, Timmons, Wagner, Weisz, Dakane, Dobervich. No members absent.

Discussion Topics:

- Committee vote

Representative Murphy moved a **Do Pass**.

Representative Dakane seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Karen A. Anderson	Y
Representative Cole Christensen	Y
Representative Hamida Dakane	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Scott Dyk	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Dori Hauck	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Eric James Murphy	Y
Representative Kelby Timmons	Y
Representative Scott Wagner	Y
Representative Robin Weisz	Y

Motion carried 14-0-0

Carrier: Representative K. Anderson

Chairman Ruby adjourned at 9:58AM.

Mary Brucker, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1351: Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1351 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2023 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

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2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1351
3/2/2023

A BILL for an Act, relating to designating the bridge on state highway 1806 as the PVT. Albert Grass WWI bridge; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

9:15 AM Chair Clemens opened the hearing.

Chairman Clemens, Senators Conley, Larsen, Paulson, Rummel were present.

Discussion Topics:

- Naming Hero's
- Remembrance

9:15 AM Representative Satrom introduced the bill.

9:19 AM Joe Hall, President, North Dakota Veterans Council, testified in favor. #21735

Additional written testimony:

Lonnie L. Wangen, #21308

9:21 AM Chairman Clemens adjourned the hearing.

Patricia Wilkens, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1351
3/2/2023

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10:19 AM Chair Clemens called the meeting to order.
Chairman Clemens, Senators Conley, Larsen, Paulson, Rummel were present.

Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

10:19 AM Senator D. Larsen moved a **DO PASS** on HB 1351

10:20 AM Senator Conley seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Doug Larsen	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Motion passed 5-0-0

Senator Conley will carry the bill.

10:21 AM Chairman Clemens adjourned the meeting.

Patricia Wilkens, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1351: Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1351 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

TESTIMONY

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North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs
Lonnie Wangen-Commissioner

1/20/2023

**House Transportation Committee
68th Legislative Session
Representative Ruby-Chair**

Chairman Ruby and House Transportation Committee,

Please accept this testimony in support of HB 1351.

Intent of this bill...

- Provide lasting recognition and appreciation to the North Dakota Service Men and Women who have died for our Country in time of war.
- PVT Albert Grass-WWI Silver Star recipient KIA July 18, 1918.

Need for bill...

- Keep their memory alive.
- Recognition to the family and friends they left behind
- Community involvement in the process

I support this bill and encourage the ND 68th Legislative Assembly to allow all bridges in ND be named after a Fallen ND Service Man or Woman.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lonnie Wangen Commissioner-NDDVA

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This bill would create a lasting tribute to the sacrifices made by the fallen heroes from North Dakota and their families by bringing to light their selfless service to our country and ensuring their legacy is never forgotten. The naming of bridges after fallen soldiers is in practice by a host of states, such as Montana, South Dakota, Missouri, Indiana, and others. In 2017 Minnesota was considering passage of similar legislation. I was unable to verify if that legislation passed.

I will now give a short biography of PVT Albert Grass. Albert was from Cannon Ball and was a registered member of the Sioux Tribe on the Standing Rock Reservation. He was a private in the United States Army during WWI. He was assigned to the 164th Infantry and on July 18 1918 he lost his life posthumously earning the Silver Star December 31 1919. Upon his death he became the first Native American from Standing Rock.

For those not familiar with the military, The 164th Infantry Regiment began on 8 December 1906 in the ND Army National Guard. During WWII it became famous for its actions during Guadalcanal resisting the Japanese. The Silver Star is awarded for the gallantry and valor during battle

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I will now give a short biography of Petty Officer Third Class Patrick G Glennon who paid the ultimate price on June 3, 1969. Patrick was born in Philadelphia on August 22, 1969. His family moved to Fessenden when he was younger. He graduated from Fessenden High school and joined the Navy on May 10, 1966. In 1968 he reported aboard the USS Frank E Evens DD754. On June 9, 1969, in the early morning hours, while preparing for flight operations in the South China. The Evans collided with the HMS Melbourne (an aircraft carrier) at 3am, and in less than 3 minutes the forward half of the ship sank taking 74 sailors to the bottom. ~~The bridge to be~~ dedicated in his memory is the over, the James River between Harvey and Fessenden. This location is near the family farm.

The North Dakota Veterans Legislative sees the fiscal impact as being minute the light of the sacrifice made by Petty Officer Third Class Patrick G Glennon and unanimously supports this bill, and requests passage of this bill.