

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SJM 8027

As Passed House:

March 1, 2000

Brief Description: Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War.

Sponsors: Senators Shin, Bauer, Heavey, Benton, Franklin, Eide, Patterson, Kline, Johnson, Gardner, Thibaudeau, Rossi, Goings, Hargrove, B. Sheldon, Horn, Haugen, Hochstatter, T. Sheldon, Swecker, Jacobsen, Fairley, Rasmussen, Prentice, Snyder, Hale, Stevens, Roach, Honeyford, Spanel, Loveland, Fraser, Brown, Costa, McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles and Oke.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

State Government: 2/22/00 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/1/00, 96-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- The Washington State Legislature requests that the years 2000 and 2003 be designated as the 50th anniversaries of the beginning and end of the Korean War to honor all veterans of this nation and its allies who secured the legacy of sacrifice for peace and freedom for future generations throughout the world.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 8 members: Representatives McMorris, Republican Co-Chair; Romero, Democratic Co-Chair; Campbell, Republican Vice Chair; Miloscia, Democratic Vice Chair; Dunshee; Haigh; Lambert and D. Schmidt.

Staff: Steve Lundin (786-7127).

Background:

The Korean War began on Sunday, June 25, 1950, when the North Korean Army attacked South Korea. A cease fire was signed three years and over five million casualties later.

Summary of Bill:

The Washington State Senate and House of Representatives request Governor Locke to designate the years 2000 and 2003 as the 50th anniversaries of the beginning and end of the Korean War to honor all veterans of this nation and its allies who secured the legacy of sacrifice for peace and freedom for future generations throughout the world.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: War is awful; we should honor sacrifices. This is all about the sacrifices of our veterans.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Matthew Benusa, aide to Senator Shin, prime sponsor; and Skip Dreps, Paralyzed Veterans of America.