

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SJM 8026

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
State & Local Government, February 3, 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, Stevens, Loveland, Roach, Hale, Honeyford, Brown, Spanel, Fraser, Costa, McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles and Oke.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** State & Local Government: 2/2/2000,2/3/2000 [DPS].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Joint Memorial No. 8026 be substituted therefor, and the substitute joint memorial do pass.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chair; Gardner, Vice Chair; Hale, Haugen, Horn, Kline and McCaslin.

**Staff:** Diane Smith (786-7410)

**Background:** On Sunday, June 25, 1950, seven North Korean Army Divisions supported by tanks and aircraft, conducted an attack and invaded the Southern Republic of Korea. Three years and five million casualties later, a cease fire was secured ending the fighting only miles from where it began. More than 500 citizens of our state served in the Korean War, known as the Forgotten War.— As a nation, we should educate every generation of Americans on the history of the Korean War in preserving our nation's liberty, freedom, and prosperity. Commemorating this event will provide Americans with a clear understanding of, and appreciation for, the sacrifices of these veterans and their families.

**Summary of Substitute Bill:** The Legislature respectfully prays that the President of the United States, Congress, and the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense encourage communities nationwide to hold public recognition programs commemorating the 50 anniversary of the Korean War.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:** The substitute bill corrects the prayer to reflect the drafter's original intent that the President encourage nationwide remembrance programs.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Testimony For:** Thousands suffered, died and sacrificed in the cause of freedom in the Korean War. The soldiers, their families, children and grandchildren should rightly be honored.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Senator Shin, prime sponsor.