

On the 10th of February 2021 the Legislative Committee met in Pierre at Post # 8. Roll called showed the following committee members present: Chairman Doug Feltman, PDC Gary Watts, Chris "Van" Van DeList. Committee men Rick MacDonald and Rod Martens attended by Zoom. Also in attendance were State Commander Fred Nelson, Adjutant Kevin Hemple, NEC Jim Huls and Lobbyist Byron Callies.

There were 13 House bills that were discussed and we were going to: watch 4, support 7, do not support 1, and no action on 1 as it was defeated in the House committee.

There were also 14 Senate bills that were discussed and we were going to: watch 6, support 2, lobby in support of 2 and remove 4 from the list.

There was one Senate Resolution that was placed on the watch list also.

At the time of the 2021 Department Convention, the results of the bills on the Legislative Committee's list were as follows:

HB 1017 - revise the appropriation to construct cold storage building in Sioux Falls - [Signed by the Governor](#)

HB 1018 - authorize the construction of a National Guard Readiness Center in Sioux Falls - [Signed by the Governor](#)

HB 1019 - appropriation to the South Dakota Ellsworth Development - [Deferred to the 41st. day](#)

HB 1020 - appropriation to continue the veteran's bonus program - [Signed by the Governor](#)

HB 1033 - update certain provisions relating to the SD retirement system - [Signed by the Governor](#)

HB 1055 - authorize certain children eligible for registration with a state-approved distance learning - [Signed by the Governor](#)

HB 1057 - establish resident tuition requirements for veterans and armed forced personnel and family members - [Signed by the Governor](#)

HB 10-65 - adopt the emergency medical personnel licensure interstate compact - [Signed by the Governor](#)

HB 1122- require official declaration of war before the National Guard may be deployed overseas - [Deferred to the 41st. day](#)

HB 1206 - increase the allowable reimbursement for certain headstones for military personnel - [Tabled](#)

HB 1276 - appropriation for capital improvements to the State Veterans Home - [Tabled](#)

HB 1277 - appropriation for the installation of a sprinkler system at the State Veterans Cemetery - [Tabled](#)

SB 27 - revise off-campus tuition rates at institutions governed by the Board of Regents - [Signed by the Governor](#)

SB 33 - appropriation for certain costs related to the commissioning of the USS Pierre - [Signed by the Governor](#)

SB 65 - create an exception to the dual compensation prohibition for state employees for military service - [Signed by the Governor](#)

SB 81 - authorize certain flags and flagpoles to be located on residential property within a community improvement district - [Signed by the Governor](#)

SB 84 - appropriate finds to support Veterans Memorial Centers in South Dakota - [Tabled](#)

SB 151 - appropriation to provide for infrastructure to support Ellsworth Air Force Base - [Tabled](#)

SB 180 - revise certain provisions regarding revenues generated by and donations to the South Dakota State Veterans Cemetery - [Signed by the Governor](#)

SB 181 - make an appropriation for road improvements leading to the State Veterans Cemetery - [Signed by the Governor](#)

SB 188 - appropriation to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the South Dakota State Veterans Cemetery - [Tabled](#)

SR 701 - resolution in support of rescinding the Medals of Honor given to Unites States soldier for the involvement and participation of the soldiers in the Wounded Knee Massacre of 1890 - [Adopt as amended](#)