ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB807

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 21, 2018

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer: Harr

One Liner: Provide for replacement of a statue in the United States Capitol

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Blood, Brewer, Briese, Hilgers, Lowe, Murante, Thibodeau,

Wayne

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:Representing:Senator Burke HarrIntroducerSenator Tom BrewerDistrict 43Peg O'Dea LippertSelf

Ashley Olson The Willa Cather Foundation
Judi gaiashkibos Nebraska Indian Commission

Joe Starita Self

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 807 would direct the Secretary of State to submit a request to the United States Architect of the Capitol to replace the statue of J. Sterling Morton in the U.S. Capitol with a statue of Willa Cather.

Explanation of amendments:

AM2392 becomes the bill, but only differs from the original bill in 3 ways.

First, it also replaces the statue of William Jennings Bryan with Chief Standing Bear.

Second, it prohibits state funds from being used to create the statue.

Third, it allows private donations to be used to create the statue.

John Murante, Chairperson