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HOUSE FILE NO. 2791

FIRST COMMITTEE ENGROSSMENT

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

Referred by Chair to Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs Finance Division.

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Returned to the Committee on Finance as Amended.

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for veterans homes
1.3 statewide; appropriating money for the All Veterans Memorial in the city of
1.4 Richfield; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.7 The sums shown in the column under "Appropriations" are appropriated from the
1.8 bond proceeds fund, or another named fund, to the state agencies or officials indicated,
1.9 to be spent for public purposes. Appropriations of bond proceeds must be spent as
1.10 authorized by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 5, paragraph (a), to acquire
1.11 and better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature, or
1.12 as authorized by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 5, paragraphs (b) to (j), or
1.13 article XIV. Unless otherwise specified, the appropriations in this act are available until
1.14 the project is completed or abandoned subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642.

1.15 Sec. 2. **PRIORITIES.**

1.16 The Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs Finance Division of the
1.17 House Finance Committee recommends funding all the projects included in this act.

1.18 Sec. 3. **VETERANS AFFAIRS**

1.19 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation **\$ 93,025,000**

1.20 To the commissioner of administration for
1.21 the purposes specified in this section.

1.22 Subd. 2. Asset Preservation 9,900,000

2.1 For asset preservation improvements and
 2.2 betterments of a capital nature at veterans
 2.3 homes statewide, to be spent in accordance
 2.4 with Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.307.

2.5 **Subd. 3. Brainerd** 500,000

2.6 To design a veterans nursing home on the
 2.7 Brainerd Regional Treatment Center site.

2.8 **Subd. 4. Fergus Falls Veterans Home** 9,970,000

2.9 To construct, furnish, and equip a 21-bed
 2.10 special care unit for persons with Alzheimer's
 2.11 disease or dementia, and additional clinical
 2.12 space. The commissioner of veterans affairs
 2.13 must apply to the United States Department
 2.14 of Veterans Affairs for matching grant funds
 2.15 under the federal State Home Construction
 2.16 Grant Program administered by the federal
 2.17 agency.

2.18 **Subd. 5. Hastings Veterans Home Supportive**
 2.19 **Housing** 7,000,000

2.20 To complete design for and to construct,
 2.21 furnish, and equip 30 units of permanent
 2.22 supportive housing for veterans with
 2.23 disabilities on the campus of the Minnesota
 2.24 Veterans Home-Hastings. The permanent
 2.25 supportive housing shall consist of 30
 2.26 efficiency apartments for single adults. Staff
 2.27 at the Minnesota Veterans Home-Hastings
 2.28 shall be expected to provide property
 2.29 management and supportive services for the
 2.30 housing unit.

2.31 **Subd. 6. Kandiyohi County** 7,905,000

2.32 To design, construct, furnish, and equip a
 2.33 90-bed facility to provide skilled nursing
 2.34 services to veterans in Kandiyohi County.

3.1	<u>Subd. 7. Minneapolis Veterans Home Campus</u>	
3.2	<u>(a) Building 9 Demolition</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
3.3	<u>To demolish Building 9 and relocate a water</u>	
3.4	<u>main serving the campus.</u>	
3.5	<u>(b) Campus HVAC Upgrade</u>	<u>11,300,000</u>
3.6	<u>To replace and upgrade the campus</u>	
3.7	<u>heating, ventilating, and air conditioning</u>	
3.8	<u>system. Federal money received by the</u>	
3.9	<u>Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs</u>	
3.10	<u>as reimbursement for 65 percent of this state</u>	
3.11	<u>capital expenditure must be credited to the</u>	
3.12	<u>debt service account in the state bond fund.</u>	
3.13	<u>(c) New Nursing Facility</u>	<u>25,999,000</u>
3.14	<u>To design, construct, furnish, and equip a</u>	
3.15	<u>100-bed nursing facility on the Minneapolis</u>	
3.16	<u>campus.</u>	
3.17	<u>Federal money received by the Minnesota</u>	
3.18	<u>Department of Veterans Affairs as</u>	
3.19	<u>reimbursement for 65 percent of this state</u>	
3.20	<u>capital expenditure must be credited to the</u>	
3.21	<u>debt service account in the state bond fund.</u>	
3.22	<u>(d) Campus Security</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>
3.23	<u>To acquire and install a fully developed</u>	
3.24	<u>and monitored security system for the</u>	
3.25	<u>campus. Federal money received by the</u>	
3.26	<u>Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs</u>	
3.27	<u>as reimbursement for 65 percent of this state</u>	
3.28	<u>capital expenditure must be credited to the</u>	
3.29	<u>debt service account in the state bond fund.</u>	
3.30	<u>(e) Building 17 Renovation</u>	<u>11,351,000</u>
3.31	<u>To renovate all five resident units and the</u>	
3.32	<u>main kitchen and dining areas in Building 17.</u>	

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 4.2 Department of Veterans Affairs as
 4.3 reimbursement for 65 percent of this state
 4.4 capital expenditure must be credited to the
 4.5 debt service account in the state bond fund.

4.6 **Subd. 8. Sauk Centre** 2,000,000

4.7 To establish a veterans facility in Sauk Centre
 4.8 that provides veterans services for either
 4.9 depleted uranium exposure, transitional
 4.10 housing, or a veterans center that provides
 4.11 outreach and group counseling.

4.12 **Subd. 9. Silver Bay Campus Renovation** 3,800,000

4.13 To design, construct, furnish, and equip an
 4.14 addition to and renovation of the nursing
 4.15 care facility. This appropriation is added
 4.16 to the appropriation to the Veterans Homes
 4.17 Board in Laws 2006, chapter 258, section 19,
 4.18 subdivision 7, for this project.

4.19 **Sec. 4. EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC**
 4.20 **DEVELOPMENT.** **\$ 200,000**

4.21 To the commissioner of employment and
 4.22 economic development for a grant to the city
 4.23 of Richfield to design and construct the All
 4.24 Veterans Memorial in Veterans Memorial
 4.25 Park. The All Veterans Memorial shall
 4.26 acknowledge the six branches of military
 4.27 service at the first American flag raising of
 4.28 the battle of Iwo Jima, and shall feature a
 4.29 bronze bust of Charles "Chuck" W. Lindberg,
 4.30 who helped raise the first flag on February
 4.31 23, 1945, and was the last flag raiser of both
 4.32 Iwo Jima flag raisings to pass away. It is
 4.33 anticipated that the total cost of the project
 4.34 is \$711,500, with the city and nonprofit

5.1 organizations contributing \$511,500. This
5.2 appropriation is not available until the
5.3 commissioner of finance has determined that
5.4 at least an equal amount has been committed
5.5 from nonstate sources.

5.6 Sec. 5. **BOND SALE AUTHORIZATION.**

5.7 To provide the money appropriated in this act from the bond proceeds fund, the
5.8 commissioner of finance shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount up to
5.9 \$93,225,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota
5.10 Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,
5.11 sections 4 to 7.

5.12 Sec. 6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5.13 Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective the day following final enactment.