

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5515

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
State & Local Government, February 12, 2001

Title: An act relating to the state veterans' song.

Brief Description: Establishing a state veterans' song.

Sponsors: Senators Roach, Rasmussen, Fairley, Kastama, Oke, Hewitt, T. Sheldon, Stevens and Winsley.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State & Local Government: 2/12/01 [DP, DNP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chair; Fairley, Vice Chair; Hale, Kline, McCaslin, Roach, T. Sheldon and Swecker.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen and Horn.

Staff: Diane Smith (786-7410)

Background: There are various official symbols of the state. Some of these include the western hemlock as the official tree; bluebunch wheatgrass as the official grass; Roll On Columbia, Roll On,— as the official folk song; and the square dance as the official dance.

Summary of Bill: The song Thanks to Them— by Jerry Hayes is the official veterans' song of the state of Washington.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: This song is appropriate to honor all veterans because it does not mention any one group; it just says, "Thanks."

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Chuck Lawrence, Veterans Legislative Coalition (pro).