

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB819**

---

**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 15, 2012  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Price  
**One Liner:** Provide for the treatment of military medals as unclaimed property

---

**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

---

**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Avery, Janssen, Karpisek, Pahls, Price, Seiler, Sullivan, Wallman  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

---

**Proponents:**

Senator Scott Price  
Greg Holloway  
Jerry Stilmock  
Don Stenberg

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Disabled American Veterans  
Nebraska Bankers Association  
State Treasurer

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 819 amends the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act to prohibit any military medals removed from a safe deposit box on which the lease has expired to be sold or otherwise disposed of. The military medals will be retained by the holder for the lessee of the box until reported and delivered to the State Treasurer. The holder will file a report with the State Treasurer and deliver the military medal for safekeeping by the State Treasurer.

The State Treasurer will hold and maintain the military medals until the original owner or heirs can be identified and the medals returned. The State Treasurer may designate a veteran's organization as the custodian of such medals until the original owner or heirs are located.

---

**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment makes clarifying changes to the bill.

First, the committee amendment clarifies that the holder of the military medal will report the property to the State Treasurer on the same schedule as other abandoned property under the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act.

Also, the bill provides that the State Treasurer will hold and maintain the military medals for ten years or until the original owner or their heirs can be identified. After ten years, the State Treasurer may designate a veteran's organization, an awarding agency, or a government entity as the custodian of the military medals. Once the military medals are turned

---

over to an organization or entity, the State Treasurer will no longer be responsible for the safe keeping of the military medals.

---

Bill Avery, Chairperson