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DATE: March 22, 2000

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION
ANALYSIS**

BILL #: House Bill 1019

RELATING TO: POW & MIA Markers/Rest Areas

SPONSOR(S): Rep. Morroni and others

TIED BILL(S): N/A

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

- (1) TRANSPORTATION YEAS 9 NAYS 0
 - (2) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
 - (3) TRANSPORTATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS
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I. SUMMARY:

The bill directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to display an appropriate marker or plaque at each interstate rest area to recognize members of the United States Armed Forces who are missing in action and unaccounted for. DOT will cooperate with the Department of Veterans' Affairs in implementing these displays.

The bill will have a fiscal impact on DOT that is estimated at a minimum of \$10,800 and a maximum of \$216,000. See Fiscal Comments section for details.

Note: Please see part VI. Amendment or Committee Substitute Changes for the effect of an amendment adopted by the Committee on Transportation which is traveling with the bill.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. <u>Less Government</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

Currently, there are no markers honoring POW's and MIA's at the 72 rest areas along Interstate Highways in Florida.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

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D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

N/A

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

See D. Fiscal Comments, below.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

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1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

N/A

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

N/A

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

The bill will have a fiscal impact on DOT that is estimated at a minimum of \$10,800. This amount is based on the assumption that these markers will cost approximately \$150 each, multiplied by the number of Interstate rest areas (72). The estimated cost per sign assumes that standard DOT highway sign material will be used for the markers. Granite or bronze plaques could cost up to \$3,000 per rest area, and if these markers are installed the impact could be up to \$216,000.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

N/A

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

N/A

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

N/A

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

N/A

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VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

The Committee on Transportation considered this bill on March 21, 2000, and adopted one amendment which requires DOT to fly the POW/MIA flag at all interstate rest areas year round. Because DOT has already started implementing the flying of these flags and has incurred most of the cost of complying with this requirement, this amendment should have little or no fiscal impact. The bill was reported favorably with one amendment.

VII. SIGNATURES:

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