

Committee Clerk,

As a proud Navy veteran, I would like to register my opposition to House Bill Number 7781, which changes the name of the holiday on the second Monday of August from Victory Day to Peace and Remembrance Day. I am opposed to this bill as it removes the significance of why it was declared a holiday in the first place. It is first and foremost dedicated to our fellow veterans who fought and died for our safety and freedom during a world war. Its purpose is to honor our victory over Japan in WWII. It is not intended to, nor should it be understood to serve any other purpose. If the Legislature would like to select some other day for a Peace and Remembrance Day it is certainly free to do so, but the current Victory Day should not be obscured or watered down in any way and should be preserved for the reason it was originally established.

Thank you!

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