

Veterans deserve more than hand shakes and lip service, it's time they got a day off for Veteran's Day.

MADISON - Senator **Dave Hansen** (D-Green Bay) offered the weekly Democratic radio address today.

The audio file of this week's address can be found here .

A written transcript of the address is below:



"Hello, this is State Senator Dave Hansen with this week's Democratic Radio address.

“This week, Senate Bill 113 (SB-113) creating the state holiday of Veterans Day on November 11th was taken up in the State Senate. Its passage will result in the closing of state offices and state workers taking the day off. Those veterans who need to contact a state office for assistance will have to wait a day.

“Supporters of the bill said it was important to pass the bill because Wisconsin is the only state that does not officially recognize Veterans Day by closing state government in observance of the day and those who served our nation. We can all agree that that is a mighty short list that we should not be on.

“Unfortunately when Senate Democrats brought up an amendment to require that all working veterans in the private sector be given the day off, Republicans voted against it.

“It is difficult to imagine any patriotic employer objecting to such a change in the law.

“After all, we are talking about the people who sacrificed so much to protect us. They deserve to have the time on Veterans Day to spend it as they see fit as a reflection of our undying gratitude for their service.

“Unfortunately, when it came time to choose between profits for business or a day off for veterans Senate Republicans chose to side with business. “

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Legislative writer Jay Wadd contributed to this article.