

# Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

*Deb Chroniak 271-1403*

**HB 105**, naming a building in honor of Van McLeod.

**Hearing Date:** March 15, 2017

**Time Opened:** 9:00 a.m.

**Time Closed:** 9:08 a.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Carson, Reagan and Gannon

**Members of the Committee Absent :** Senators Soucy and Woodburn

**Bill Analysis:** This bill names a building in Concord in honor of Van McLeod.

**Sponsors:**

Rep. Shurtleff

Rep. Spang

Sen. Feltes

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**Who supports the bill:** Representative Steve Shurtleff, Merrimack, District 11; Elizabeth Muzzey, New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources; Honorable Paul W. Hodes, Self; Robert Graffey, self; Teresa Rosenberger, self; Susan Duprey, self; Sylvia Larsen, self; Marian Akey, self; Ruth Puencevich, self; Jennifer Goodman, New Hampshire Preservation Alliance

**Who opposes the bill:** No one

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Representative Steve Shurtleff, Merrimack District 11 (in support):**

- This legislation is to name the state office building located at 19 Pillsbury Street in Concord in honor of the late Commissioner of Cultural Resources Van McLeod.
- This building houses three agencies within the Cultural Resources, the Film Bureau, the Council on Arts, and the Division of Historical Resources.
- In 1945 Commissioner McLeod was born at 19 Pillsbury Street, the old Margaret Pillsbury Hospital.
- Any permanent signage will be paid for by private donations.

**The Honorable Paul W. Hodes, Self (in support):**

- Lives in Concord and representing himself speaking in support of this legislation.
- A fitting tribute to a New Hampshire icon who he has known for forty years.
- Exemplified characteristics we cared about and would honor.
- He was a critical part in the development of the Capital Center for the Arts.

- He had tremendous courage as he dealt with disfiguring cancer and the disease that ultimately killed him.
- Served for many years as Commissioner, serving under both the republicans and democrats.
- He believed that the arts were about people.
- He was a theater director, a producer, and a creator who brought people together.
- To have his name on the building where he was born would be a fitting tribute from the state to his service for New Hampshire.

**Elizabeth H. Muzzy, Director and State Historic Preservation Officer, New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources (in support) (testimony provided):**

- Testifying for herself and Acting Commissioner, Michael York.
- Van McLeod left behind a large legacy. He supported their Department for over 24 years, and renaming where his last office was at 19 Pillsbury Street is a perfect tribute.
- Pleased to support this bill.

**Senator Reagan** asked if the building was now named. Ms. Muzzy stated that the building is referred to as “old labor”. The building’s historic name is the “Margaret Pillsbury Annex”.

Hearing closed at 9:08 a.m.

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition:** No one

**Future Action:** Ought to Pass

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