

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY AND HOMELAND
SECURITY

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Myers at 1:30 P.M. on January 17, 2007 in the Docking Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Bob Bethell- excused
Representative Bill Light- excused
Representative Kenny Wilk- excused

Committee staff present:

Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes Office
Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research
Betty Caruthers, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Staff of Kansas Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division

Others attending:

See attached list.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Myers and he recognized staff members of the Kansas Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division. They shared information with the Committee regarding security on the process and issuance of drivers licenses. It appears that within the past three years there have been a number of positive changes which have resulted in a system much harder to defraud. They now have the ability to look further into background cross checks to be sure correct information is provided prior to licenses being issued.

The issue of Real I.D. was presented as a program to be in place by May 11, 2008. This must be a Federally approved document. In order to obtain this a person will need to present a valid birth document, any documentation of a name change, their documented address, Social Security number, and lawful presence.

Another issue touched on is that of some elderly drivers who should no longer be driving. There is a medical review system in place which includes letters of concern which can be sent to the Department by anyone. If a medical review is done then the doctor may make a recommendation as to whether or not the individual should continue to drive. There are no requirements for any review at any certain age.

Chairman Myers adjourned the meeting at 2:40.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2007.