

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 18, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bob Bethell- excused
Representative Pat Colloton- 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

Others attending:

See attached list.

Moved by Representative Palmer, seconded by Representative Spalding for approval of Minutes of the House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security held on January 16, 2007 and January 17, 2007 be approved.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers asked for any bill introductions.

Chairman Myers recognized Representative Goico who introduced a bill regarding members of the Kansas National Guard qualifying for in-state tuition.

Moved by Representative Goico, seconded by Representative Ruff for approval of the introduction of the above as a Committee bill.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers recognized Representative Ruff who introduced a bill regarding the Veteran Claims Assistance Program. The four components include;

- 1) Eligibility criteria
- 2) Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs not being for the purpose of filing claims
- 3) With cross accreditation the KCVA personnel would be only personnel in VA hospitals
- 4) New veterans service organizations who participate in claims programs would do so with new appropriations or new money.

Moved by Representative Ruff, seconded by Representative Goico for approval of the introduction of the above as a Committee bill.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers adjourned the meeting at 1:40.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 22.