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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Thursday, April 16, 2015 10:30 a.m. Room 308, House Office Building

The House Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Tom Barrett.

Members present: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Courser, Glenn, Rutledge, Talabi, and Faris.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Hooker moved to adopt the minutes from the Thursday, April 16, meeting.

The Chair laid HCR 7 before the committee:

HCR 7 (Hughes) A concurrent resolution to urge the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and the United States Congress to create a pilot program in Michigan instituting a flexible Veterans Choice Card system structured similar to a traditional health care program for all veterans in Michigan.

Representative Hughes introduced the resolution to the committee.

General Mike Stone, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, submitted a testimony card in support of HCR 7, but did not wish to speak.

Jim Wallace, State Commander of the American Legion, submitted a testimony card in support of HCR 7, but did not wish to speak.

Steve Kozera and Jason Allen, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, submitted a testimony card in support of HCR 7, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Hooker moved to report HCR 7.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Courser, Glenn, Rutledge, Talabi, Faris.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 52 before the committee:

SB 52 (Stamas) Veterans; other; veterans welcome home act; replace reference to "department of labor and economic growth" with "Michigan veterans affairs agency".

General Mike Stone, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, submitted a testimony card in support of HCR 7, but did not wish to speak.

Jim Wallace, State Commander of the American Legion, submitted a testimony card in support of SB 52, but did not wish to speak.

Steve Kozera, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, submitted a testimony card in support of SB 52, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Glenn moved to report SB 52.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Courser, Glenn, Rutledge, Talabi, Faris.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:10 a.m.

Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

Kevin Gawronski
Committee Clerk
April 30, 2015
40 minutes

Date Approved and Signed