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

Thursday, June 18, 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, June 11, meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HR 108 before the committee:

HR 108 (Barrett) A resolution to declare June 27, 2015, as Post Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Representative Barrett introduced the resolution to the committee.

Steve Kozera, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, submitted a testimony card in support of HR 108, but did not wish to speak.

Catherine Kooyers, representing the Vietnam Veterans of America Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Committee, submitted a testimony card in opposition to HR 108, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Hughes moved to report HR 108.

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 Chair laid HR 107 before the committee:

HR 107 (Hughes) A resolution to urge the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, and Transportation Security Administration to address policies causing ongoing difficulty to veterans travelling with service animals, and encourage the review of these policies with the intent to promulgate clear directives.

Representative Hughes introduced the resolution to the committee.

Steve Kozera, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, submitted a testimony card in support of HR 107, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Hooker moved to report HR 107.

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 Chair laid HB 4642 before the committee:

HB 4642 (Jenkins) Veterans; trust fund; administration; revise.

Representative Jenkins introduced the bill to the committee.

Lindell Holm, Director of the Michigan Veteran's Trust Fund, testified on HB 4642.

Steve Kozera, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, submitted a testimony card indicating a neutral position on HB 4642, but did not wish to speak.

Jack Devine, representing the Vietnam Veterans of America, testified in opposition to HB 4642.

Jennifer Smith, representing herself, testified in opposition to HB 4642.

Mark Sutton, representing the American Legion, testified in opposition to HB 4642.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:35 a.m.

Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

Kevin Gawronski
Committee Clerk
June 18, 2015
1 hour 5 minutes

Date Approved and Signed