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

Thursday, September 15, 2016      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, Glenn, Whiteford, and LaGrand.

Members absent/excused: Representatives Rutledge and Talabi.

Representative Hooker moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting.

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

Representative Whiteford moved to excuse the absent members.

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

The Chair laid before the committee HB 5288 and HB 5289:

HB 5288 (Wittenberg)      Occupations; attorneys; individuals licensed to practice law as a military spouse; require certain notifications to board of law examiners.

HB 5289 (Maturen)      Occupations; attorneys; license to practice law for military spouse; provide for under certain conditions.

Representatives Wittenberg and Maturen explained substitution (H-1) to HB 5288 and substitution (H-1) to HB 5289.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of HB 5288 and HB 5289, but did not wish to speak:

Mark Sutton, representing the American Legion and Commanders Group.

Lino Pretto, representing the Purple Heart.

Steve Kozera, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Representative Hooker moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5288.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 7-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Whiteford, and LaGrand.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Glenn moved to report HB 5288 as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 7-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Whiteford, and LaGrand.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Whiteford moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5289.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 7-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Whiteford, and LaGrand.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Outman moved to report HB 5289 as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 7-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Whiteford, and LaGrand.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 5730:

HB 5730 (Graves)

Veterans; veterans' homes; employment preference at veterans' facilities; provide for veterans.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of HB 5730, but did not wish to speak:

Mark Sutton, representing the American Legion and Commanders Group.

Lino Pretto, representing the Purple Heart.

Steve Kozera, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Steve Grady, representing Disabled American Veterans.

Representative Hooker moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5730.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 7-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Whiteford, and LaGrand.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Glenn moved to report HB 5730 as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 7-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Whiteford, and LaGrand.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

The Chair laid before the committee HR 317:

HR 317 (Franz) A resolution to declare September 16, 2016, as POW/MIA Recognition Day in the state of Michigan.

Representative Franz introduced the resolution to the committee.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of HR 317, but did not wish to speak:

Mark Sutton, representing the American Legion and Commanders Group.

Lino Pretto, representing the Purple Heart.

Steve Kozera, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Representative Glenn moved to report HR 317, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 7-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Whiteford, and LaGrand.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 5876:

HB 5876 (Barrett)                      Veterans; veterans' homes; regulation and oversight of state veterans' facilities; transfer to department of licensing and regulatory affairs.

Chairman Barrett introduced the bill to the committee.

The following people testified with a neutral position on HB 5876:

Mark Sutton, representing the American Legion and Commanders Group.

Lino Pretto, representing the Purple Heart.

Nick Ciaramitaro, representing the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, testified in support of HB 5876.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:07 a.m.

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Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

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Date Approved and Signed

Kevin Gawronski  
Committee Clerk  
September 15, 2016  
37 minutes