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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Military and Veteran Affairs

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

12:00 Noon

Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by Representative Jason Wentworth, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder and Jones. (13/13)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of March 21, 2017 as printed.

Representative Barrett moved to adopt the minutes of March 21, 2017, as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee House Resolution 50.

HR 50 (Wentworth) A resolution to urge the Congress of the United States to eliminate the "widows' tax" on the surviving spouses of retired U.S. military service members.

In the Chair: Majority Vice-Chair Graves.

Representative Wentworth, the resolution sponsor, introduced Mrs. Melissa Alex and explained the resolution to the committee members. Mrs. Alex testified in support of the resolution.

In the Chair: Chair Wentworth.

Representative Hughes moved to report House Resolution 50 with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder, and Jones, (13/13)

Nays: None. (0/13)

The resolution was referred to the House floor.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the resolution, but did not wish to speak:

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan;

Steven A. Kozera, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; and

Lino B. Pretto, Michigan Department Legislative Officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Brinks moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:11 p.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Jason Wentworth, Chair

House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee