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**SENATOR JOHN MOOLENAAR,
CHAIRMAN**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, and Homeland Security Committee was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at 12:35 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 210.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Moolenaar (C), Pappageorge, Emmons, Gregory

Excused: Smith

Absent: None

The Chairman, Senator Moolenaar, led the members and audience of the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, and Homeland Security Committee in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Senator Moolenaar announced the order of business:

- HB 4359 Rep. Huuki - Vehicles; registration plates; specialty armed forces plates; create for motorcycles and modify criteria displayed. (Testimony Only)
- SB 386 Sen. Moolenaar - Crimes; other; making false representation about military status; prohibit under certain circumstances and provide penalties.

Senator Gregory, supported by Senator Emmons, to adopt the minutes of May 3, 2011.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Representative Huuki, bill sponsor of HB4359, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill. Representative Huuki then answered questions from committee members.

Chris Hackbarth and James Fackler gave verbal testimony in support of HB4359.

Senator Moolenaar, bill sponsor of SB386, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill.

Doug Williams representing the Commanders Group gave verbal testimony in support of HB4359 and SB386. Mr. Williams then answered questions from committee members.

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Lino Pretto representing the Military Order of Purple Heart gave verbal testimony in support of HB4359 and SB386. Mr. Pretto then answered questions from committee members.

Sheila Larnhart representing herself as a Gulf War I Veteran gave verbal and written testimony in support of SB386. Ms. Larnhart then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Gregory motioned, supported by Senator Pappageorge, that the committee report SB386 with recommendation.

Yeas: Moolenaar, Pappageorge, Emmons, Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons motioned, supported by Senator Pappageorge, that the committee give SB386 immediate effect.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Gregory motioned to excuse Senator Smith.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Moolenaar adjourned the meeting without objection at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: June 28, 2011

(An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.)