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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 28, 2011, at 12:40 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 210.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Moolenaar (C), Pappageorge, Emmons

Excused: Gregory, 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.
- Presentation relative to the Michigan's Veterans Trust Fund
- Presentation relative to Public Act 152 of 1885, Michigan Veterans Homes

Senator Pappageorge, supported by Senator Emmons, motioned to adopt the minutes of June 7, 2011. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Moolenaar called upon Senior Deputy Director for Veterans Affairs Jason Allen. Sr. Deputy Director Allen introduced Ann Dutcher who gave a presentation relative to the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund. Ms. Dutcher then answered questions from committee members.

Sr. Deputy Director Allen introduced Hubert Hess who gave a presentation relative to PA152 of 1885, Michigan Veterans Homes. Mr. Hess then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Moolenaar announced the formation of a workgroup to address areas of concern relative to Michigan's Veterans Trust Fund and Michigan Veterans Homes.

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Senator Moolenaar announced that an explanation and testimony in support of HB4359 had been provided at a previous hearing.

Lino Pretto representing the Military Order of Purple Heart and the Commanders Group submitted a testimony card in support of HB4359 but did not wish to speak.

Senator Emmons motioned, supported by Senator Pappageorge, that the committee adopt Senate Substitute S-1 to HB4359.

Yeas: Moolenaar, Pappageorge, Emmons

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons motioned, supported by Senator Pappageorge, that the committee report HB4359 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Moolenaar, Pappageorge, Emmons

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee give HB4359 S-1 immediate effect.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Emmons motioned to excuse Senator Gregory and 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 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: September 20, 2011

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