



**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**MEMBERS:**

SENATOR PAPPAGEORGE,  
MAJORITY VICE CHAIR  
SENATOR EMMONS  
SENATOR GREGORY,  
MINORITY VICE CHAIR  
SENATOR SMITH

**THE SENATE  
VETERANS,  
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AND HOMELAND SECURITY  
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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, November 8, 2011, at 1:01 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 210.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Excused: Smith

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:

- SB 543 Sen. Brandenburg - Counties; boards and commissions; membership on county department of veterans' affairs; modify eligibility criteria.
- SB 798 Sen. Moolenaar - Veterans; trust fund; membership on board of trustees; modify.
- SB 799 Sen. Pappageorge - Veterans; other; membership on board of managers; modify.

Senator Pappageorge, supported by Senator Gregory, to adopt the minutes of October 11, 2011.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Dan Papineau, Legislative Aide to Senator Brandenburg - bill sponsor of SB543, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill.

Kermit Harris, representing the Macomb County Veterans Services, gave verbal testimony in support of SB543.

Ronald Schrieber, representing the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, submitted a testimony card in support of SB543 but did not wish to speak.

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Senator Gregory motioned, supported by Senator Pappageorge, that the committee report with recommendation SB543.

Yeas: Moolenaar, Pappageorge, Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gregory motioned, supported by Senator Pappageorge, that the committee recommend immediate effect to SB543.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Anne Dutcher, representing the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Workgroup, gave verbal and written testimony in support of SB798 and SB799. Ms. Dutcher then answered questions from committee members.

Steven Kozera, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, gave verbal testimony in support of SB798 and SB799.

Mr. Kermit Harris, representing the Macomb County Veterans Services, gave verbal testimony opposed to SB798. Mr. Harris then answered questions from committee members.

Sandra Wilson, representing the Vietnam Veterans of America, gave verbal testimony opposed to SB798. Ms. Wilson then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Moolenaar recessed the committee at 1:36 p.m.

Senator Moolenaar called the committee back to order at 1:41 p.m.

Senator Moolenaar, bill sponsor of SB798, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee report with recommendation SB798.

Yeas: Moolenaar, Pappageorge, Emmons

Nays: None

Pass: Gregory

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee recommend immediate effect to SB798.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee report with recommendation SB799.

Yeas: Moolenaar, Pappageorge, Emmons

Nays: None

Pass: Gregory

The motion prevailed.

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Senator Pappageorge motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee recommend immediate effect to SB799.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Gregory motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, 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 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: December 6, 2011

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