



**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**MEMBERS:**

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

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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, May 14, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 210. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senator(s) Moolenaar (C), Pappageorge, Emmons, and Gregory  
Absent: None  
Excused: Senator Smith

Senator Moolenaar announced the order of business:

- Adopt Minutes of March 12, 2013
- HB 4138 (Rep. McMillin) – Military affairs; other; restriction of activities by Michigan national guard and state and local employees; provide for under certain circumstances.
- SB 302 (Sen. Caswell) – State; symbol; "Purple Heart State"; designate.
- SB 175 (Sen. Pappageorge) – Military affairs; generally; Michigan military act; modify.

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 Gregory, supported by Senator Emmons, moved to adopt the minutes of March 12, 2013. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Moolenaar invited Representative McMillin and Shelli Weisberg, of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, to testify concerning HB 4138. The two then answered questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak in support of HB 4138:

- Lino Pretto, Purple Heart, Commanders Group, American Legion, Marine Corp League
- Steve Kozera, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
- Doug Williams, American Legion Marine Corps League

Senator Pappageorge motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee report with recommendation HB 4138.

Yeas: Senators Moolenaar, Papageorge, Emmons, and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge motioned that the committee recommend immediate effect to HB 4138.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Moolenaar invited Senator Caswell forward to testify concerning SB 302. Senator Caswell then answered questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak in support of SB 302:

- Lino Pretto, Purple Heart, Commanders Group, American Legion, Marine Corp League
- Steve Kozera, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
- Doug Williams, American Legion Marine Corps League

Senator Pappageorge motioned, supported by Senator Gregory, that the committee report with recommendation SB 302.

Yeas: Senators Moolenaar, Papageorge, Emmons, and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge motioned that the committee recommend immediate effect to SB 302.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Moolenaar invited Senator Papageorge forward to testify concerning SB 175, as well as two amendments. Senator Papageorge then answered questions for committee members.

The following people testified in support of SB 175:

- Jason Allen, Veterans Affairs Agency
- LTC John Wojcik, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

The following people submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak in support of SB 175:

- Lino Pretto, Purple Heart, Commanders Group, American Legion, Marine Corp League
- Steve Kozera, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
- Doug Williams, American Legion Marine Corps League

Senator Pappageorge motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee adopt the A-1 Amendment to SB 175.

Yeas: Senators Moolenaar, Papageorge, Emmons, and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee adopt the A-2 Amendment to SB 175.

Yeas: Senators Moolenaar, Papageorge, Emmons, and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, that the committee report with recommendation SB 175 as amended as a clean substitute.

Yeas: Senators Moolenaar, Papageorge, Emmons, and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge motioned that the committee recommend immediate effect to SB 175.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Gregory motioned to excuse Senator Smith and, without objection, it was so moved.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Moolenaar adjourned the meeting without objection at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: May 21, 2013

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