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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 21, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 210. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 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 4297 Rep. Foster Recreation; state parks; waiver of recreation passport fees; allow for certain disabled veterans.
- HB 4439 Rep. Foster Vehicles; registration; recreational passport fee; eliminate from registration forms for certain military specialty plates.

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 Pappageorge, supported by Senator Emmons, moved to adopt the minutes of May 14, 2013. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Moolenaar invited Jason Puscas, of Rep. Frank Foster's office, forward to explain HB 4297 and HB 4439. Mr. Puscas then answered questions for the committee.

The following people testified in support of HB 4297 and HB 4439

- David Richmond, Secretary of State

- Trevor VanDyke, Department of Natural Resources

The following people submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak in support of HB 4297 and HB 4439:

- Lino Pretto, Purple Heart, Commanders Group, American Legion, Marine Corp League
- Jason Allen, 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 4297.

Yeas: Senators Moolenaar, Papageorge, Emmons, and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge, supported by Senator Gregory, motioned that the committee recommend immediate effect to HB 4138.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Emmons motioned, supported by Senator Gregory, that the committee report with recommendation HB 4439.

Yeas: Senators Moolenaar, Papageorge, Emmons, and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gregory, supported by Senator Emmons, motioned that the committee recommend immediate effect to HB 4439.

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 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: June 4, 2013

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