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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 4, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 210. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 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 May 21, 2013
- SB 389 (Sen. Emmons) – Veterans; benefits; veterans who did not graduate but joined the armed forces during Vietnam War; grant high school diploma to.
- Presentation by Renee Haley, Director of Veterans Services of Clare County, concerning Veteran's Freedom Park

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 21, 2013. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Moolenaar invited Senator Emmons to explain SB 389 and answer questions for the committee.

The following submitted testimony cards in support of SB 389 but did not wish to speak:

- Lino Pretto, Purple Heart, Commanders Group, American Legion, Marine Corp League
- Steve Kozera, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

- Doug Williams, American Legion Marine Corps League
- Jason Allen, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency
- Melissa Seifert, AARP

Senator Emmons motioned, supported by Senator Gregory, that adopt an S-1 substitute to SB 389.

Yeas: Senators Moolenaar, Papageorge, Emmons, and Gregory

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons motioned, supported by Senator Pappageorge, that the committee report with recommendation SB 389.

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 SB 389.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Moolenaar invited Renee Haley, Director of Veterans Services of Clare County, for a presentation concerning Veteran's Freedom Park.

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 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: **September 17, 2013**

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