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**VETERANS, MILITARY AFFAIRS AND**  
**HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**September 17, 2015**

A meeting of the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security Committee was scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., in room 110 of the Farnum Building.

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**The agenda summary is as follows:**

- 1) HB 4521 – (S-1) reported with recommendation and recommendation for immediate effect
  - 2) HB 4527 – (S-1) reported with recommendation and recommendation for immediate effect
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Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

At the time the meeting was called to order, the following members were present for roll call:

Present: Sens. O'Brien (C), Colbeck

Excused: none

At 2:02 p.m. the Chair went at ease as members were in other committees.

At 2:07 p.m. the Chair called the meeting back to order and the remaining members were present.

Senator Zorn made a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 11, 2015 meeting. Being no objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chair announced the next order of business was House Bills 4521 and 4527. Representative Barrett gave members an overview of the bills and the changes in the S-1 substitutes.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to indicate their position on HBs 4521 & 4527 but did not wish to speak:

- Leslee Fritz and Lee Gonzales, Department of Civil Rights—Support
- Jason Allen and Steve Kozera, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs—Support
- Melissa Seifert, AARP—Support
- Lino Pretto, Purple Heart—Support
- Mark Sutton, The American Legion & The Commanders Group of Michigan—Support

Being no further testimony, Sen. Knezek made a motion to adopt the (S-1) substitute for House Bill 4521.

Yeas: Sens. O'Brien (C), Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck, Knezek

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

Sen. Emmons made a motion to report the (S-1) version of House Bill 4521 with recommendation that it be passed.

Yeas: Sens. O'Brien (C), Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck, Knezek

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

Senator Zorn made a motion to recommend immediate effect be granted to House Bill 4521; objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Sen. Colbeck made a motion to adopt the (S-1) substitute for House Bill 4527.

Yeas: Sens. O'Brien (C), Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck, Knezek

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

Sen. Knezek made a motion to report the (S-1) version of House Bill 4527 with recommendation that it be passed.

Yeas: Sens. O'Brien (C), Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck, Knezek

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

Senator Emmons made a motion to recommend immediate effect be granted to House Bill 4527; being no objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m., without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee: October 29, 2015**

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