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

April 30, 2015

A meeting of the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security Committee was scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., in room 110 of the Farnum Building.

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**The agenda summary is as follows:**

- 1) HCR 3 – reported with recommendation
- 2) SB 210 – reported with recommendation and recommendation for immediate effect
- 3) SB 222 – 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.

Present: Sens. O'Brien (C), Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck, Knezek  
Excused: None

Senator Emmons made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 23, 2015 meeting. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The Chair announced the next order of business was House Concurrent Resolution 3. Representative Maturen gave members an overview of the resolution.

The following individuals testified before members regarding their position on HCR 3:

- General Mike Stone, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position but did not wish to speak regarding HCR 3:

- Steve Kozera and Jason Allen, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs—Support
- Lino B. Pretto, Purple Heart Foundation, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, The Marine Corps League—Support
- State Commander Jim Wallace, American Legion—Support
- Brendan Ringlever, Huron Band of Potatomami, Calhoun County—Support

Being no further testimony, Sen. Knezek made a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution 3 with recommendation that it be adopted.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chair announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 210. Senator Kowall and Judge Michael Warren, gave members an overview of the bill.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position but did not wish to speak regarding SB 210:

- Steve Kozera and Jason Allen, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs—Support
- Lino B. Pretto, Purple Heart Foundation, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, The Marine Corps League—Support
- State Commander Jim Wallace, The American Legion—Support

Being no further testimony, Sen. Zorn made a motion to report Senate Bill 210 with recommendation that it be passed.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 210; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The Chair announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 222. Senator Knezek and Pat Squires, a Blue Star Mother from Garden City, gave members an overview of the bill.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position but did not wish to speak regarding SB 222:

- Steve Kozera and Jason Allen, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs—Support
- Sharon Kramer, Blue Start Mothers—Support
- Lino B. Pretto, Purple Heart Foundation, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, The Marine Corps League—Support
- State Commander Jim Wallace, The American Legion—Support

Being no further testimony, Sen. Colbeck made a motion to report Senate Bill 222 with recommendation that it be passed.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Zorn made a motion to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 222; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m., without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee: May 14, 2015**

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