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MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2016

A meeting of the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security Committee was scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., in room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) SB 809 – Testimony only
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Chairwoman O'Brien called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

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

Excused: None

Senator Emmons made a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 10, 2016 meeting. Being no objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairwoman announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 809. Senator MacGregor gave members an overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified before the Committee on SB 809:

- Jerry Lucksted, Veteran Home Members – support
- Sue Forbes, Grand Rapids Home for Veterans – support
- Theresa Robinson, United Veterans Council of Kent County – support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to indicate their position on SB 809 but did not wish to speak:

- Steve Kozera, Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs – neutral
- Anne Zerbe, Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs – neutral
- Lino Pretto, Purple Heart – neutral
- Jeff VanSickle, Sons of American Legion #28 – support
- Stan Mroz Jr., Kent County Catholic War Veterans #1058 – support

- Rick Sturim, American Legion Post #459 – support
- Marty Posekany, Fleet Reserve Association – support
- Dan Wojciak, Michigan Elder Justice Initiative – support

Being no further business, the Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: 4/28/16, 2 p.m.