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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2016

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security was scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 8:30 a.m., in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Testimony regarding SB 780 (Sen. Schuitmaker).

The Chairwoman called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. She instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present: Chairwoman O'Brien, Sen.(s) Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck and Knezek, a quorum was present.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion by Sen. Colbeck, to adopt the meeting minutes from May 12, 2016. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairwoman invited Sen. Schuitmaker to summarize SB 780.

The Chairwoman invited the following individuals to present testimony regarding SB 780:

General Mike Stone, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs – Support
Michael Ernest Welch, CWO Kenneth V. Welch KIA Beirut, Lebanon – Support
Erin Julian, Gold Star Spouse, Honor and Remember SSG David Julian – Support
Jack Devine, Vietnam Veterans of America – Oppose
Mark Sutton, American Legion – Oppose
Laura DeRoo, Citizen – Oppose
Ed Brundt, Spartan Nash – Support
Le Roy Paige, Honor and Remember, Michigan Chapter – Support
George Lutz, Honor and Remember – Support
Meredith Gremel, Spartan Nash – Support

The Chairwoman read the cards of those individuals not wishing to testify before the committee regarding SB 780:

Colleen Allen, Honor and Remember – Support
Steve Kozera, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs – Neutral
Ernie Burgess, Honor and Remember – Support
Lino B. Pretto, Purple Heart – Oppose
E. Wayne Byrum, Honor and Remember, Michigan Chapter – Support

John Aldrich, Honor and Remember – Support

There being no further business before the committee, the Chairwoman entertained a motion by Sen. Zorn to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m. Without objection, the committee was adjourned.

Date Adopted by Committee: 5/26/16