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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2016

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security was scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 2 p.m., in room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. Reported HB 5106 (Rep. Barrett) with recommendation and immediate effect.
2. Reported HB 4970 (Rep. Singh) with recommendation and immediate effect.

The Chairwoman called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. She instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Chairwoman O'Brien, Sen.(s) Zorn, Colbeck and Knezek; a quorum was present.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion by Sen. Zorn to adopt the meeting minutes from Thursday, May 31, 2016. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairwoman entertained a motion by Sen. Colbeck to excuse absent members from the meeting. Without objection, Sen. Emmons was excused from the meeting.

The Chairwoman invited Rep. Barrett to summarize HB 5106.

The Chairwoman invited the following individuals to present testimony regarding HB 5106:

Ron Kendall, Rep. Barrett's Office – Support
General Michael Stone, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs – Support

The Chairwoman read the cards of those individuals not wishing to testify before the committee regarding HB 5106:

Rhonda Grant, National Guard Association – Support
Jack Devine, Vietnam Veterans of America – Support
Steve Kozera, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs – Support
Mark Sutton, American Legion – Support

The Chairwoman entertained a motion by Sen. Zorn to report HB 5106 to the floor with recommendation that it pass. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Chairwoman O'Brien, Sen.(s) Zorn, Colbeck and Knezek.

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairwoman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5106. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairwoman invited Rep. Singh to summarize HB 4970.

The Chairwoman invited the following individuals to present testimony regarding HB 4970:

Mark Sutton, American Legion – Support

The Chairwoman read the cards of those individuals not wishing to testify before the committee regarding HB 4970:

Jack Devine, Vietnam Veterans of America – Support

Steve Kozera, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs – Neutral

The Chairwoman entertained a motion by Sen. Knezek to report HB 4970 to the floor with recommendation that it pass. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Chairwoman O'Brien, Sen.(s) Zorn, Colbeck and Knezek.

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairwoman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 4970. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chairwoman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:28 p.m. Without objection, the committee was adjourned.

Date Adopted by Committee: 09/21/2016