

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: ***March 6, 2019***

Location: ***RM 19***

Convened: ***1:00 PM***

Recessed: ***1:05 PM***

Reconvened: ***1:15 PM***

Adjourned: ***1:20 PM***

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Salmon-CH, Gustafson-VC, Kurth-RM, Bennett, Breckenridge, Brown-Powers, Gaines, Hite, Jeneary, Kacena, Lundgren, Ourth, Smith, M., Sorensen, Thompson, Wheeler, Wills

Absent:

Excused:

Chairperson Salmon called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken.

The minutes were approved.

There were no bills to assign.

Both parties went to caucus at 1:05 P.M. The committee reconvened at 1:15 P.M.

Chairperson Salmon recognized Representative Thompson for opening remarks on [HSB 229](#), a bill relating to the removal of county veterans service officers.

Discussion was opened on [HSB 229](#). Rep. Kurth clarified what the bill does. Rep. Wills asked Rep. Thompson to explain what the commission is. Rep. Thompson explained the role of the commission. With no further discussion, Chairperson Salmon recognized Rep. Thompson for closing remarks on [HSB 229](#). Rep. Thompson moved the bill. The bill was moved and passed by a vote of 17 Aye, 0 Nay, and 0 Absent. The bill will move to the House floor as a Veterans Affairs Committee bill.

Chairperson Salmon turned the floor over to Representative Gaines who had a presentation on Army National Guard Specialist Daryl Davis. Originally from Puerto Rico, Specialist Davis moved to Spencer, Iowa when he was 14. He joined the Iowa National Guard but transferred to the Florida National Guard in order to pursue his love of motorcycle training. He was killed in his first deployment in a Humvee accident. To pay tribute to Specialist Davis, his nephew added "Davis" to his last name so he could have Davis' name on his high school football jersey with his uncle's number.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, Representative Hite moved to adjourn at 1:20 p.m.

Representative Sandy Salmon

Susan R. Foster, Committee Secretary