

COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: February 05, 2008

Place: Rm 103, Supreme Court Chamber

Convened: 2/5/2008 1:30 PM
Recessed:

Reconvened:

Adjourned: 2/5/2008 2:10 PM

Present: Representatives Zirkelbach-CH, Whitead-VC, Tymeson-RM, Alons, Bailey, Bukta, Chambers, Granzow, Miller, H., Staed, Taylor, D., Thomas, Watts, Worthan

Absent: None

Excused: Representative Windschitl

Chair Zirkelbach called the meeting to order. Roll was taken and a quorum was present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Chair Zirkelbach assigned the following bills:
HF 2099 (Zirkelbach-CH, Thomas, Windschitl)
HF 2125 (Bailey-CH, Alons, Taylor, D.)
HSB 626 (Miller-CH, Staed, Worthan)

Chair Zirkelbach asked for any announcements to come before the committee.

Chair Zirkelbach introduced Bennie Spain, Veterans Affairs Executive Director of Black Hawk County and John Hawse, Veterans Affairs Commission Chairman of Black Hawk County. Mr. Spain spoke about the need to assist Veterans after they return from the Iraq War. Mr. Hawse spoke about services for mental health.

Chair Zirkelbach thanked the speaker for coming, and opened up the meeting for questions.

Representative Bailey asked a question about Veterans Affairs Commissions and their willingness to act.

Representative Thomas made a statement about Veterans Affairs Commissions, Veteran's Affairs issues and their publicity.

Representative Tymeson asked a question about connections between the County offices to the VA and a question about the language which holds counties liable for not providing Veteran's benefits.

Representative Alons asked a question about Veterans in nursing homes.

Representative Granzow asked a question about who pays County Directors of Veterans Affairs.

Representative Zirkelbach thanked the speakers and addressed the fact some counties do not have Veterans Affairs.

As there was no further business, Representative Staed moved for the meeting to adjourn.

Representative Ray Zirkelbach

Amy Hein, Committee Secretary