

COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: February 18, 2008

Place: Room 22

Convened: 2/18/2008
3:00 PM

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Adjourned: 2/18/2008
3:40 PM

Present: Senators Beall-CH, Warnstadt-VC, Black, Horn, Kibbie, McKibben, McKinley, Ragan

Absent: None

Excused: Senators Seymour-RM, Danielson, Hartsuch

Called to order 3:00

Next week: IVH presentations
Tomorrow: State of the Guard address

Minutes approved for Feb 18 meeting

Presentations:

Pat Palmersheim, Executive Director, Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs
Thanks to Legislature for support. Identified foci: provide more & better benefits, open communication among staff. Recent work: Viet Nam Bonus benefits, home ownership assistance, county grants, injured veteran grant program, gold star license plates, markers. Benefits paid have increased greatly in the past several years. Iowa Veterans Cemetery will have its first planned internment this spring or summer

Steve Mulcahy, Iowa Veterans Commission
Thanks to Legislature. Interesting challenges of being relatively new organization. Trust Fund over \$5,000,000 now. Continual review of applications. Following Trust Fund legislation's movement through House & Senate. Iowa Lottery seems ready to cooperate with Veterans Commission on 4 special lottery tickets.

Both presenters answered questions from the Committee.

Sen. McKibben moved the meeting arise.

Senator Daryl Beall

Chelsea Lepley, Committee Secretary