COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: March 04, 2008 **Place:** Rm 103, Supreme Court Chamber

Convened: 3/4/2008 Recessed: Reconvened: Adjourned: 3/4/2008

10:05 AM 11:50 AM

Present: Representatives Zirkelbach-CH, Whitead-VC, Tymeson-RM, Alons, Bailey, Bukta,

Chambers, Granzow, Miller, H., Staed, Taylor, D., Thomas, Windschitl, Worthan

Absent: None

Excused: Representative Watts

Chair Zirkelbach called the meeting to order. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Chair Zirkelbach assigned the following bill: HSB 729: Zirkelbach-CH, Taylor, Tymeson

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The Democrats and Republicans went to caucus.

The meeting reconvened. Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Bukta for opening remarks on HF 2033, a bill for an act requiring insurance coverage benefits for veterans for treatment of mental illness and substance abuse.

Chair Zirkelbach handed over the chairperson role to Representative Whitead.

A few representatives asked questions.

Chair Whitead turned the chairperson role over to Representative Zirkelbach.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Bukta for closing remarks on HF 2033. Representative Bukta moved the bill. A roll call vote was taken with 14 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. HF 2033 passed out of committee as a committee bill.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Bailey for opening remarks on HF 2261, a bill for an act relating to veterans affairs by modifying training requirements, requiring minimum hours of operation for local veteran affairs offices in each county, creating a county commission of veteran affairs training program, creating a county commissions of veteran affairs fund, providing an appropriation, and providing an effective date.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Bailey to explain Amendment 501.

Representative Bailey moved to add the amendment.

A voice vote was taken, and the amendment passed.

A few representatives asked questions.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Bailey for closing remarks on HF 2261. Representative Bailey moved the bill. A roll call vote was taken with 14 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. HF 2261 passed out of committee as a committee bill.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Windschitl for opening remarks on HF 133, a bill for an act exempting from the individual income tax federal retirement pay received for military service and including a retroactive applicability date provision.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Bailey to explain Amendment 501.

Representative Windschitl moved to add the amendment.

A voice vote was taken, and the amendment passed.

A few representatives asked questions.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Windschitl for closing remarks on HF 133. Representative Windschitl moved the bill. A roll call vote was taken with 12 ayes, 0 nays, 3 not voting/absent. HF 133 passed out of committee as a committee bill.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Staed for opening remarks on SF 2124, a bill for an act relating to authorized expenditures from the veterans trust fund and providing for emergency rulemaking authority.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Staed to explain Amendment 301.

Representative Staed moved to add the amendment.

A voice vote was taken, and the amendment passed.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Staed to explain Amendment 501.

Representative Staed moved to add the amendment.

A voice vote was taken, and the amendment passed.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Staed to explain Amendment 502.

A few representatives asked questions.

Representative Staed moved to add the amendment.

A voice vote was taken, and the amendment passed.

A few representatives asked questions.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Staed for closing remarks on SF 2124. Representative Staed moved the bill. A roll call vote was taken with 14 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. SF 2124 passed out of committee.

Chair Zirkelbach handed over the chairperson role to Representative Whitead.

Chair Whitead recognized Representative Zirkelbach for opening remarks on HF 2191, a bill for an act prohibiting the sale at retail of designated flags manufactured outside of the United States and establishing a penalty.

Chair Whitead recognized Representative Worthan to explain Amendment 501.

Representative Bailey moved to add the amendment.

A voice vote was taken, and the amendment passed.

A few representatives asked questions.

Chair Whitead recognized Representative Zirkelbach for closing remarks on HF 2191. Representative Zirkelbach moved the bill. A roll call vote was taken with 14 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. HF 2191 passed out of committee as a committee bill.

Chair Whitead turned the chairperson role over to Representative Zirkelbach.

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

Representative Ray Z	irkelbach	

Amy Hein, Committee Secretary