COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date:	February 26, 2009		Place:	Rm 102, Supreme Court Consult Rm		
Convened:	2/26/2009 12:05 PM	Recessed:	Reconve	ened:	Adjourned:	2/26/2009 12:55 PM

Present: Representatives Zirkelbach-CH, Whitead-VC, Windschitl-RM, Alons, Bailey, Bukta, Ficken, Gayman, Kearns, Mascher, Rants, Sweeney, Taylor, D., Thomas, Tymeson, Watts

Absent: None

Excused: Representative Van Engelenhoven

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

The Democrats and Republicans went to caucus.

The meeting reconvened.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Mascher for opening remarks on HSB 9, a study bill concerning preferential hiring treatment by government for veterans.

Chair Zirkelbach asked for comments. A few representatives asked questions and made comments.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Mascher for closing remarks on HSB 9.

Representative Mascher moved the bill. A roll call vote was taken with 15 ayes, 1 nay, 1 absent. HSB 9 passed out of the committee as a whole.

Ayes: Zirkelbach, Whitead, Windschitl, Alons, Bailey, Bukta, Ficken, Gayman, Kearns, Mascher, Rants, Sweeney, Thomas, Tymeson, Watts Nays: Taylor Absent: Van Engelenhoven

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Mascher for opening remarks on HF 22, a bill relating to the definition of resident for purposes of tuition and fees for qualified veterans at Iowa's public universities and community colleges and for programs administered by the college student aid commission, and establishing a veterans educational assistance council.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Mascher to explain Amendment 501.

Representative Mascher requested to withdraw the amendment. Chair Zirkelbach asked for unanimous consent to withdraw the amendment and the amendment was withdrawn.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Mascher to explain Amendment 701.

Chair Zirkelbach asked for comments. A few representatives asked questions.

Representative Mascher moved to add the amendment.

A voice vote was taken, and the amendment was passed.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Mascher for closing remarks on HF 22.

Representative Mascher moved the bill. A roll call vote was taken with 15 ayes, 1 nay, 1 absent. HF 22 passed out of the committee as a whole.

Ayes: Zirkelbach, Whitead, Windschitl, Alons, Bailey, Bukta, Ficken, Gayman,

Kearns, Mascher, Rants, Sweeney, Taylor, Thomas, Tymeson, Nays: Watts Absent: Van Engelenhoven

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Thomas for opening remarks on HSB 65, a study bill concerning the definition of veteran.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Thomas to explain Amendment 201.

Chair Zirkelbach asked for comments. Representative Alons made a comment.

A voice vote was taken, and the amendment passed.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Thomas for closing remarks on HSB 65.

Representative Thomas moved the bill. A roll call vote was taken with 16 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. HSB 65 passed out of the committee as a whole.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Thomas for opening remarks on HSB 129, a study bill for requiring record checks for persons who are prospective or current employees or volunteers for the Iowa veterans home.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Thomas to explain Amendment 201.

Chair Zirkelbach asked for comments. A few representatives made comments.

A voice vote was taken and the amendment passed.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Thomas for closing remarks on HSB 129.

Representative Thomas moved the bill. A roll call vote was taken with 16 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. HSB 129 passed out of the committee as a whole.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Alons for opening remarks on HSB 179, a study bill for correcting references in the Code relating to the United States department of veterans affairs.

Chair Zirkelbach asked for comments.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Alons for closing remarks on HSB 179.

Representative Alons moved the bill. A roll call vote was taken with 16 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. HSB 179 passed out of the committee as a whole.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Tymeson for opening remarks on HF 250, a bill for an act creating a distinguished flying cross special motor vehicle registration plate and providing fees.

Chair Zirkelbach asked for comments. A few representatives made comments.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Tymeson for closing remarks on HF 250.

Representative Tymeson moved the bill. A roll call vote was taken with 16 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. HF 250 passed out of the committee as a whole.

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

Representative Ray S. Zirkelbach

Amy Hein, Committee Secretary