

COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: March 26, 2009

Place: Room 19

Convened: 3/26/2009
12:20 PM

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Adjourned: 3/26/2009
12:40 PM

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

Absent: None

Excused: Representative Thomas

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.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Ficken for opening remarks on SF 440, a bill relating to prescription drug coverage for health care facility residents eligible for federal veterans affairs benefits.

Chair Zirkelbach asked for comments. Many representatives made comments.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Ficken for closing remarks on SF 440.

Representative Ficken moved the bill. A roll call vote was taken with 16 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. SF 440 passed out of the committee as a whole.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Kearns for opening remarks on SF 281, a bill to require the department of veterans affairs to conduct a study concerning the restoration and maintenance of the medal of honor memorial for the state of Iowa.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Kearns to explain Amendment 701.

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

Representative Kearns moved to add the amendment.

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

Chair Zirkelbach asked for comments.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Kearns for closing remarks on SF 281.

Representative Kearns moved the bill. A roll call vote was taken with 16 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. SF 281 passed out of the committee as a whole.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Mascher for opening remarks on SF 407, a bill relating to the rights and responsibilities of Iowa veterans home members.

Chair Zirkelbach asked for comments. Many representatives made comments.

Chair Zirkelbach recognized Representative Mascher for closing remarks on SF 407.

Representative Mascher moved the bill. A roll call vote was taken with 16 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. SF 407 passed out of the committee as a whole.

Chair Zirkelbach asked for announcements. Many representatives made announcements. Chair Zirkelbach also made an announcement.

As there was no further business, Representative Van Engelenhoven moved for

the meeting to adjourn.

Representative Ray S. Zirkelbach

Amy Hein, Committee Secretary