

## COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Date:** February 07, 2012

**Place:** Room 19

**Convended:** 2/7/2012 2:00 PM  
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**Adjourned:** 2/7/2012 3:00 PM

**Present:** Representatives Chambers-CH, Vander Linden-VC, Kearns-RM, Alons, Berry, Hanusa, Heddens, Lukan, Muhlbauer, Rayhons, Shaw, Sweeney, Taylor, J., Thomas, Wittneben

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** None

The Veterans Affairs Committee was called to order by Chairman Royd Chambers. Roll call was taken and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The Chair recognized Representative VanderLinden for HSB 550: A study bill for authorizing certain expenditures of funds from the veterans affairs training program account. Representative VanderLinden gave opening remarks and there was some discussion. After closing remarks he moved HSB 550. The bill passed 15-0 and will move to the floor as a committee bill.

The Chair recognized Representative Sweeney for HSB 578: A study bill relating to interment rights of certain veterans and their spouses in cemeteries owned and controlled by governmental subdivisions. Representative Sweeney gave opening remarks. Representative Sweeney was recognized for Amendment 3625. The sense amendment passed on a voice vote. There was discussion on the bill and then Representative Sweeney gave closing remarks on HSB 578. The bill passed on a vote of 15-0. HSB 578 will move to the floor as amended as a committee bill.

The Chair introduced to the Committee Michelle Briggs and Chuck Geertz from the organization, English River Outfitters. They provided information regarding SF 2076 and HF 2026. The bills are asking that nonresident disabled veterans be allowed to purchase a hunting license at resident cost. Michele Smith is the secretary at English River Outfitters and Chuck Geertz is the founder of this organization. Trent Wright of the Enabled Veterans Outdoors group also provided information for the committee.

Representative Sweeney moved for adjournment.

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Representative Royd E. Chambers

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Melba Murken, Committee Secretary