COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: February 21, 2012 **Place:** Room 19

Convened: 2/21/2012 Recessed: Reconvened: Adjourned: 2/21/2012

1:00 PM 2:00 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

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

The Chair assigned-

HF 2313 Chair-Rep. Chambers

Rep. Kearns Rep. Lukan

The Chair recognized Representative Rayhons for HF 2299: A bill for an act relating to the extension of the effective date of a driver's license for a person serving on active duty in military service. After opening remarks and comments, Representative Rayhons moved HF 2299. The bill passed on a voto of 13-0. Rep.Berry and Rep.Mulbauer were absent. HF 2299 will move to the floor as a committee bill.

The Chair recognized Representative Shaw for HF 2236: A bill for an act relating to requirements for a commercial driver's license for certain persons transitioning from military service. After opening remarks, Representative Shaw was recognized for amendment 4203. After some discussion, the amendment passed short form. Being there was no further discussion, Representative Shaw moved the bill as amended. The bill passed on a vote of 14-0. Representative Berry was absent. HF 2236 will move to the floor as amended as a committee bill.

The Chair recognized Representative Shaw for HSB 640: An Act requiring that a veteran be seriously injured or very seriously injured in order to be eligible to receive a grant under the injured veterans grant program. Representative Shaw gave opening remarks on the bill and then simply moved HSB 640. It passed on a vote of 14-0. Representative Berry was absent. HSB 640 will move to the floor as a committee bill.

The Chair recognized Representative Shaw for opening remarks on HSB 641: An Act permitting the temporary allocation and use of moneys in the veterans trust fund for cemetary grant development purposes. Representative Shaw was recognized for Amendment 4131. After remarks and some discussion, the amendment passed short form. There was discussion on the bill as amended. Representative Shaw moved the bill. It passed on a vote of 13-1. Representative Thomas voted no. Representative Berry was absent for the vote. HSB 641 will move to the floor as amended as a committee bill.

The Chair recognized Representative Alons for HSB 642:An Act relating to county commissions of veterans affairs. Representative Alons gave opening remarks and then was recognized for Amendment 4117. There was some discussion and then the amendment passed short form. Representative Alons gave his closing remarks and then moved HSB 642 as amended. The bill passed on a vote of 15-0. It will move to the floor as amended as a committee bill.

The Chair announced that the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, is cancelled.

Representative Kearns moved to adjourn.

Representative Royd E. Chambers	_
Melba Murken Committee Secretary	-