

COMMITTEE MINUTES for VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: March 15, 2012

Place: Room 19

Convened: 3/15/2012
1:00 PM

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Adjourned: 3/15/2012
1:35 PM

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

Absent: None

Excused: Representative Berry

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 SF 2097: A bill for an act relating to the department of public defense by making changes regarding the Iowa military code and military service, including terminology modifications and leases entered into by the department of public defense and the armory board, and including effective date provisions. Representative VanderLinden gave opening remarks. There was some discussion and then Representative VanderLinden moved SF 2097. The bill passed on a vote of 14-0. Rep. Berry was absent.

The Chair relinquished the Chair to Representative VanderLinden. The Chair recognized Representative Chambers for SF 2245: A bill for an act requiring a study and report on the establishment of a dual diagnosis treatment program for posttraumatic stress at the Iowa veterans home. Representative Chambers gave opening remarks and then referred the conclusion of his remarks to Commandant David Worley from the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. After some discussion and questions, Representative Chambers gave his closing remarks on SF 2245. Representative Chambers moved the bill. SF 2245 passed on a vote of 14-0. Representative Berry was absent. The Chair returned the Chair to Representative Chambers.

The Committee recognized and thanked Representative Chambers for his leadership as Chair of the Veterans Affairs committee.

Representative Kearns moved to adjourn.

Representative Royd E. Chambers

Melba Murken, Committee Secretary