



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY, VETERANS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

REP. JENNIFER CONLIN

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

12:00 p.m.

Room 327, House Office Building

The House Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security was called to order by Chair Conlin.

The Clerk read two letters dated March 7, 2023, and March 8, 2023, from House Speaker Joe Tate, making changes in the membership of the House Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Conlin, Coleman, Tyrone Carter, Stone, Rogers, Wegela, Bezotte, Martin, St. Germaine.

Absent: Rep. Markkanen.

Excused: Rep. Markkanen.

Representative Tyrone Carter joined the committee remotely.

Representative Wegela moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 7, 2023. There being no objections, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4199 before the committee:

HB 4199 (Rep. Conlin)

A bill to amend 2014 PA 259, entitled "Michigan national guard tuition assistance act," by amending the title and sections 3 and 4 (MCL 32.433 and 32.434), section 3 as amended by 2016 PA 531.

At 12:01 p.m., the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 12:01 p.m., the Majority Vice-Chair Coleman called the committee back to order.

The Chair, the bill sponsor, explained the HB 4199. Questions followed.

At 12:08 p.m., the Majority Vice- Chair Coleman laid the committee at ease.

At 12:08 p.m., the Chair called the committee back to order.

Major General Paul D. Rogers, the Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), testified in support of HB 4199. Questions followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4199, but did not wish to speak:

Tim Poxson, representing the American Legion-Department of Michigan;

Adam Majestic, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber; and

Heather Feuerstein, State Legislative Liaison for the DMVA.

Representative Coleman moved to report out HB 4199 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 8-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Conlin, Coleman, Stone, Rogers, Wegela, Bezotte, Martin, St. Germaine.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid before the committee a presentation given by Major General Rogers, the Director of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Major General Paul D. Rogers, the Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard, presented an overview of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Questions and discussion followed.

Terry J. Sabo, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs for Michigan Department of Military Affairs, submitted written testimony.

Representative Stone moved to excuse Representative Markkanen from the meeting. There being no objections, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Representative Stone moved to adjourn; Chair Jennifer Conlin adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Representative Jennifer Conlin, Chair

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