

## **HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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Wednesday, February 12, 2014

9:00 a.m.

308 House Office Building

Representative Ray Franz, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Franz, Kurtz, Hooker, Zorn, Graves, Santana, Darany, Slavens, Banks, Yanez, and Kosowski.

Representative Darany moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2014 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Hooker moved to excuse the absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representatives Stamas and Haines.

The Vice-Chair laid HR 300 before committee:

HR 300 (Graves)	A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to take a stronger role in investigating and eliminating delays in veterans' health care.
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Representatives Graves explained HR 300 to the committee.

Representative Yanez moved to report out HR 300 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 10-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Franz, Kurtz, Hooker, Zorn, Graves, Santana, Darany, Banks, Yanez, Kosowski,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**HR 300 reported out with recommendation.**

The Vice-Chair laid HB 5036 before the committee:

HB 5036 (Rendon) Higher education; community colleges; acceptance of an American council on education transcript; allow, and clarify transferable credits.

Representative Rendon, sponsor of HB 5036, Staff Sergeant Trahern Jasper, representing himself, and Jason Allen, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, testified jointly in support of HB 5036.

Brendan Ringlever, representing the Michigan Community College Association, testified in opposition to HB 5036.

A. Elizabeth Lyons, representing Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Scott Herzberg, representing Northwestern Michigan College, Pete Haueteiz, representing Lansing Community College, testified jointly in opposition to HB 5036.

Rick Donovan, representing the American Legion Department of Michigan, testified in support of HB 5036.

Jason Allen and Steve Kozera, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, submitted a card in support of HR 300, but did not wish to speak.

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Jack Devine, representing the Vietnam Veterans of American, submitted a card in support of HB 5036 and HR 300, but did not wish to speak.

Lino B. Pretto, representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart, submitted a card in support of HR 300 and HB 5036, but did not wish to speak.

Doug Williams, representing the American Legion, Marine Corps League, and Commanders Group, submitted a card in support of HB 5036, but did not wish to speak.

Allie Bush, representing the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, submitted a card in support of HB 5036, but did not wish to speak.

Rick Donovan, representing the American Legion Department of Michigan, submitted a card in support of HR 300, but did not wish to speak.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:16 a.m.

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Representative Ray Franz, Vice-Chair

Rachel Meade  
Committee Clerk  
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February 12, 2014  
1 hour 16 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed