

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

8:30 a.m.

308 House Office Building

Representative Jim Stamas, Chair, called the meeting to order.

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

Representative Hooker moved to excuse the absent members.

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Haines and Santana.

The Chair laid HR 319 before committee:

HR 319 (Forlini) A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to oppose the U.S. Department of Defense's budget proposal that would potentially close commissaries at U.S. military bases and to ensure that replacement aircraft are assigned to Selfridge Air National Guard Base to compensate for the proposed elimination of the A-10 fleet.

Representative Forlini, testified in support of HR 319.

Representative Franz moved to report out HR 319 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 11-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HR 319 reported out with recommendation.

Steve Kozera and Jason Allen, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, submitted a card in support of HR 319, but did not wish to speak.

The committee went at ease at 8:40 a.m.

The committee reconvened at 8:41 a.m.

Representative Hooker moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2014 meeting.

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

The committee went at ease at 8:42 a.m.

Representative Franz took over as Chair of the committee.

The committee reconvened at 8:43 a.m.

The Chair laid HB 4761 before the committee:

HB 4761 (Barnett) State financing and management; purchasing; state contract preference to disabled veterans; provide for.

Representative Barnett, testified in support of HB 4761.

Gregory Stachura, representing the Veteran Owned Business Roundtable, testified in support of HB 4761.

Keith King, representing the National Veteran Business Development Council, testified in support of HB 4761

Chris Harkins, representing the Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget, testified on HB 4761.

Edward Ronders, representing M2BI, testified in support of HB 4761.

Fulton Hopkins, representing Vet2Vet, testified in support of HB 4761.

Brigadier General Richard S. Miller, retired, representing the Association of United States Army, testified in support of HB 4761.

Charles R. Brown, representing himself, testified in support of HB 4761.

Steve Goring, representing himself, testified in support of HB 4761.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of HB 4761, but did not wish to speak:

Michael Evangelista, representing EZ Enterprises, LLC.

Roderick Rickman, representing himself.

Anthony Tarkowski, representing Veterans Roundtable.

Timothy R. Racey, representing The Racey Group, Inc.

Guido Capaldi, representing himself and the NVBDC.

Michael F. Harris, representing the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Jason Allen and Ingrid Tighe, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, submitted a testimony card with a neutral position, but did not wish to speak.

Lino B. Pretto, representing the Purple Heart, Commanders Group, American Legion, Marine Corp. League, submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4761 and HR 319.

Jack Devine, representing the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Veteran Owned Business Roundtable, and the NVBDC, submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4761 and HR 319.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 9:44 a.m.

Representative Ray Franz, Vice-Chair

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April 30, 2014
1 hour 14 minutes

Date Approved and Signed