

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

9:00 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, Yanez, and Kosowski.

Representative Haines moved to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2014 meeting.

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

The Chair laid HB 5451 before committee:

HB 5451 (Rendon) Military affairs; other; tuition assistance program for Michigan national guardsmen; create.

Representative Rendon testified in support of HB 5451.

General Mike Stone, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, testified in support of HB 5451.

Colonel Jeff Kinninger, representing the Michigan National Guard, testified with a neutral position on HB 5451.

Chancellor Ruth J Person, representing the University of Michigan – Flint, testified in support of HB 5451.

Representative Franz moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5451.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stamas, Franz, Haines, Kurtz, Hooker, Zorn, Graves, Santana, Darany, Slavens, Yanez, and Kosowski,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Haines moved to report out HB 5451 (H-1) with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stamas, Franz, Haines, Kurtz, Hooker, Zorn, Graves, Santana, Darany, Slavens, Yanez, and Kosowski,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 5451 (H-1) reported out with recommendation.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak:

Dichondra Johnson, representing the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, in support of HB 5451.

Erin Shor, representing the Michigan Community College Association, in support of HB 5451.

Stever Kozera, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, in support of HB 5451.

Chad Wing, representing Eastern Michigan University, in support of HB 5451.

Lino B. Pretto, representing himself, in support of HB 5451.

Rick Donovan, representing American Legion Department of Michigan, in support of HB 5451.

The Chair laid HJR M and HJR N before committee:

HJR M (Knezek) Higher education; community colleges; in-district tuition rates for active service and reserve members and honorably discharged veterans; provide for.

HJR N (Stamas) Higher education; tuition; public universities to offer in-state tuition to certain veterans; require.

Representative Darany moved to report out HJR M with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stamas, Franz, Haines, Kurtz, Hooker, Zorn, Graves, Santana, Darany, Slavens, Yanez, and Kosowski,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HJR M reported out with recommendation.

Representative Graves moved to report out HJR N with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stamas, Franz, Haines, Kurtz, Hooker, Zorn, Graves, Santana, Darany, Slavens, Yanez, and Kosowski,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HJR N reported out with recommendation.

Representative Slavens moved to excuse the absent members.

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Banks.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak:

Steve Kozera, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, in support of HJR M and HJR N.

Dichondra Johnson, representing the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, in support of HJR M and HJR N.

Lino B. Pretto, representing himself, in support of HJR M and HJR N.

Rick Donovan, representing American Legion Department of Michigan, in support of HJR M and HJR N.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 9:27 a.m.

Representative Jim Stamas, Chair

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May 7, 2014
27 minutes

Date Approved and Signed