

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

Wednesday, September 24, 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, Banks, Yanez, and Kosowski.

Representative Hooker moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2014 meeting.

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

General Mike Stone gave a brief update on the status of the Guard.

The Chair laid HR 390, HR 385, HB 5035, HB 5036 and HB 5751 before the committee:

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| HR 390 (Zorn)      | A resolution to urge the U.S. Department of Defense to provide toll-free calling to active duty military men and women serving overseas, so that they may call family members in the U.S. without cost.   |
| HR 385 (Graves)    | A resolution to urge the United States Congress to investigate the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' treatment of military veterans seeking health care at facilities throughout the country. |
| HB 5035 (Goike)    | Higher education; community colleges; questions to applicants concerning military experience of the applicant and the applicant's parents or spouse; require.   |
| HB 5036 (Rendon)   | Higher education; community colleges; acceptance of an American council on education transcript; allow, and clarify transferable credits.   |
| HB 5751 (Jacobsen) | Occupations; other; use of certain military experience as the basis for licensure; authorize for boiler installer, boiler repairer, and boiler special inspector.   |

Representative Zorn testified with McKenaa Merkel and Madison Killon in support of HR 390.

Steve Kozera and Jason Allen, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, submitted a card in support of HR 390 and HR 385, but did not wish to speak.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of HR 390, HR 385, HB 5035 HB 5036 and HB 5751 but did not wish to speak:

Lino B. Pretto, representing the Purple Heart.

Douglas Williams, representing American Legion, Marine Corps League & Commanders.

Steve Kozera and Jason Allen testified in support of HB 5035, HB 5036 and HB 5751.

Representative Franz moved to report out HR 390 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, Kosowski,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Zorn moved to report out HR 385 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, Kosowski,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Hooker moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) for HB 5035.

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, Kosowski,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Graves moved to report out HB 5035 with recommendation, as substitute (H-2).

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

Representative Kurtz moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for HB 5036.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

Representative Haines moved to report out HB 5036 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1).

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

The committee went at ease at 9:15 a.m. and reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

Rep. Jacobsen testified in support of HB 5751.

Representative Zorn moved to report out HB 5751 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,  
Slavens, Banks, Yanez, Kosowski,

Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 9:30 a.m.

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Representative Jim Stamas, Chair

Kevin Gawronski  
Committee Clerk  
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September 24, 2014  
30 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed