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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY AND HOMELAND
SECURITY

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Myers at 1:30 P.M. on January 16, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Pat Colloton- excused
Representative Kenny Wilk- excused

Committee staff present:

Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes Office
Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research
Betty Caruthers, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Moved by Representative Kelsey, seconded by Representative Goico for approval of Minutes of the House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security held on January 11, 2007 be approved.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers asked for any bill introductions by Committee members. He recognized Representative Goico who introduced a bill awarding scholarships to Kansas high school graduates or members of the National Guard or Reserve activated and deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan.

Representative Johnson inquired as to how this might be broadened to encourage people to join the National Guard.

Representative Goico moved, seconded by Representative Spalding for the above to be introduced as a Committee bill.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers recognized Representative Johnson who then introduced a bill to conceptually broaden the above bill and expand it to make opportunities available to members of the National Guard.

Representative Johnson moved, seconded by Representative Light for the above to be introduced as a Committee bill.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers informed the Committee of **HB 2062** which this Committee will hold a hearing for on Monday, January 22.

Chairman Myers recognized Representative Ruff who stated she would be making a presentation in the Senate along with Senator Ostmeyer regarding changes with the Claims Assistance Program which was looked at last year in the Veterans Affairs Commission. She stated they may want to have the same presentation for this Committee at some point.

Chairman Myers adjourned the meeting at 1:45.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2007.