

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 March 5, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bob Bethell- excused  
Representative Pat Colloton- excused  
Representative Dick Kelsey- excused  
Representative Kenny Wilk- excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Trimmer  
Lawrence Halloran  
George Webb, Director of Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Myers opened hearings on **HCR 5018 - Special U.S. Atomic Service Medal to honor Atomic Veterans.**

Chairman Myers recognized Representative Trimmer who testified as a proponent on the bill. (Attachment 1) He reported there are approximately 80 to 85 known surviving atomic veterans, including spouses, in Kansas and he would like to see them awarded and honored with this medal.

Chairman Myers recognized Lawrence Halloran who gave testimony as a proponent on the bill. (Attachment 2) He shared some personal stories of those he'd like to see honored for their courage, strength and devotion.

Chairman Myers recognized George Webb who also testified as a proponent on the bill. (Attachment 3) He would like to see the Atomic Veterans gain Federal recognition and be acknowledged for their contributions.

Chairman Myers closed hearings on **HCR 5018.**

Chairman Myers announced to the Committee that he would like to take a vote as to the possibility of working **HCR 5018** during the present meeting.

Representative Ruff moved to work **HCR 5018** at that point. Representative Spalding seconded.

Motion carried.

Moved by Representative Ruff, seconded by Representative Crow to pass **HCR 5018** favorably out of Committee.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers adjourned the meeting at 2:00.