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

The meeting was called to order by Representative Mario Goico, Chairman, at 9:00 a.m. on January 27, 2011 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Connie O'Brien – excused

Committee staff present:
Julian Eferd, Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research
Doug Taylor, Revisor
Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Representative Louis Ruiz
Carmen Alldritt, Director of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue
Bud Burke, former President of the Kansas Senate

Chairman Goico introduced Representative Ruiz who presented a conceptual bill to the Committee that would be instrumental in providing treatment for post traumatic stress syndrom.

A motion to accept this bill for the Committee to work was made by Representative Goico, seconded by Representative Montgomery and passed by a voice vote.

The Chair then introduced Carmen Alldritt who addressed the Committee in regard to **SB 9** (2007) Compliance Report.
(Attachment 1).

Ms Alldritt explained how **SB 9** had expanded the ability of the division to exchange identity information with other state agencies. The law provides the Division of Vehicles with limited law enforcement authority for purposes of 1) fraud prevention, 2) fraud investigations; and 3) assisting prosecutions for imposter fraud springing from fraudulent driver's license applications.

She said how bogus IDs were no longer the problem. The problem now are the stolen IDs. Driver's license fraud is committed by: illegal immigrants; foreign visitors who have overstayed their visas; identity thieves who profit from using the identity of victims; criminals wanting to commit their crimes anonymously; organized crime members who use false indentity to commit crimes; wanted criminals wishing to hide their real identity and people who have had the drivers licenses suspended or revoked.

Ms Alldritt said that having veterans identified on their drivers licenses still offers some challenges to work through.

Members of Ms Alldritt's staff were present to answer questions that followed. Senator Burke asked that the Committee consider creating a bill that would give disabled veterans an advantage when bidding on any State contracts.

A motion was made by Representative Grange and seconded by Representative Tietze to accept this. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.