

Approved: February 7, 2012

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mario Goico at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2012 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Ann Mah, Excused
Representative Robert Montgomery, Excused
Representative Jim Fawcett, Excused early

Committee staff present:

Mary Torrence, Office of the Revisor
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Rich Mergen, Committee Assistant,

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Brad Hoff, Senior Auditor, Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Hearing on:

**HB 2418-Veterans preference; notifying veterans not hired by standard or
electronic mail**

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the HOUSE VETERANS, MILITARY AND HOMELAND SECURITY Committee at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2012 in room 546-S of the Capitol.

Chairman Goico opened the meeting and informed Committee members that the Agent Orange Resolution (HCR 5016), passed this week in the Senate Federal & State Affairs Committee, Chairman Pete Brungardt, and will be presented before the full Senate for consideration.

Representative Meier made a motion that Veterans, already out of the service, receive in state tuition at Kansas Colleges. The motion was seconded by Representative Garber and passed on a voice vote.

Chairman Goico opened the hearing on **HB 2418** and recognized Brad Hoff who provided information and summary of the costs related to “certified letters” being issued to Veterans that were not offered a position of employment with a State agency. The Post Audit Committee introduced **HB 2418** in an effort to eliminate the certified mail requirement and allow such notices to be sent by standard or electronic mail. (Attachment #1) Question and answer period followed.

Members of the Committee discussed the proposed **HB 2418** in its current form, considered possible language changes, and conduct some further research on additional mail options, etc.

Representative Hedke made a motion to table HB 2418 that was seconded by Representative Boman. The motion failed.

Hearing on **HB 2418** was closed

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

The next House Veterans, Military & Homeland Security Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

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