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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 1:00 PM on Thursday, April 26, 2012 in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Steven Johnson, Excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Torrence, Office of the Revisor
Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department
Rich Mergen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

None scheduled (Multiple conferees provided testimony on April 25, 2012 during committee meeting regarding **HR 6021**)

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Continued Hearing and Possible Action on: **HR 6021 - Standing in opposition to the provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 which authorize military detention and trial of United States citizens and lawful residents in direct violation of the United States Constitution and the constitution of this state.**

Chairman Goico opened the meeting; and recognized Representative Montgomery.

Representative Montgomery made a motion to pass HR 6021 favorable out of the committee and it was seconded by Representative Garber. Chairman Goico opened for discussion.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Committee at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, April 26, in 152-S of the Capitol.

Representative Fawcett made a motion to amend **HR 6021**; recommend to Congress that Sections 1021 and 1022 of National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 be removed. Representative O'Brien seconded the motion and it was opened for discussion.

Discussion by the committee determined that the proposed amendment was already part of **HR 6021** and amendment was not necessary.

Representative Fawcett withdrew his motion to amend **HR 6021** and Representative O'Brien concurred.

Further discussion continued on **HR 6021**.

Representative Tietze made a motion to table **HR 6021**, seconded by Representative Mah, motion failed.

Representative Grange made a motion that an Interim Study be conducted related to **HR 6021**, seconded by Representative Meier, it was opened for discussion, and later passed on a voice vote.

The general idea of the committee was that not enough is known about the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012; more information and clarification is needed, and perhaps some changes to the resolution. The committee has only heard from proponents, nothing from opponents, and there has been no input from our Kansas Congressional delegation. The issue is very important and not one for a hurried decision. Further information and study is needed, something that an Interim Study will provide.

Chairman Goico requested the Revisor to prepare an appropriate letter, requesting Interim Study on this issue, and submit to the Speaker of the House.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.