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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 11, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bob Bethell- excused
Representative Dan Johnson- 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:

Colonel Eric Peck, Chief of Joint Staff of the Kansas National Guard
Captain Mark Bruce, Kansas Highway Patrol

Others attending:

See attached list.

Moved by Representative Ruff, seconded by Representative Colloton for approval of Minutes of the House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security held on January 10, 2007 be approved.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers asked for any bill introductions by Committee members. There were none at this time. Chairman Myers mentioned **HB 2050** as well as a bill he was getting signatures on regarding English as the official language for the State. It is uncertain at this time whether these bills will be assigned to this Committee.

Chairman Myers recognized Colonel Eric Peck who presented an overview of Homeland Security. (Attachment 1) This included such information as: Phases of homeland security, strategy, regions, authority during disasters, day to day operations, the Kansas threat integration center, various Kansas hazards, homeland security exercises, events, response, State and National priorities, vulnerability assessment team, communications assessment team, and the emergency communication van.

Chairman Myers recognized Captain Mark Bruce with the Highway Patrol who presented an overview of the Homeland Security Grant program. (Attachment 2) This included what funds are utilized for, National and Kansas funding received each year, the funding allocation process, the distribution of funds, and regional projects.

Chairman Myers recognized Representative Goico who had two bill introductions for the Committee. The first is regarding emergency planning and communities right to know.

Moved by Representative Goico, seconded by Representative Ruff that this bill be introduced as a Committee bill.

Motion carried.

Representative Goico presented the next bill which is a reintroduction of **HB 2961** which would grant guard and security officers law enforcement authority.

Moved by Representative Goico, seconded by Representative Ruff that this bill be introduced as a Committee bill.

Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security at 1:30 P.M. on January 11, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

Chairman Myers adjourned the meeting at 3:00.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2007.