

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 25, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Barbara Craft- 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:

Bill Chornyak, Deputy Director, KS Division of Emergency Management
Carmen Aldritt, Director, Kansas Division of Vehicles Division

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Myers began working **HB 2068 - Adjutant General, security officers.** He recognized Bill Chornyak who reported on his conversation with Steven Culp from the KS Commission on Peace Officers' Standards & Training and a consensus arrived at from that conversation regarding this bill. A balloon was then presented as an amendment for **HB 2068.** (Attachment 1)

Moved by Representative Johnson, seconded by Representative Colloton to adopt the balloon for **HB 2068.**

Motion carried.

Moved by Representative Johnson, seconded by Representative Goico to report **HB 2068** as amended favorably for passage.

Motion carried. 9 Yea 0 Nay

Chairman Myers recognized Carmen Aldritt who gave a briefing on REAL ID. (Attachment 2) Kansas is well on the way with preparations towards REAL ID due to what is already being accomplished for obtaining a driver's license in this state. REAL ID passed in Congress in 2005 and becomes a reality on May 11, 2008. Each driver's license or photo ID will need to be Federally approved from that date forward. Thus far there are no rules or regulations provided by Congress as well as no funding being provided by the Federal Government which could amount to 11 billion dollars. There will be a time for states to give input for 60 days after publication. This will all have a great impact on the state of Kansas.

Chairman Myers asked for any bill introductions to which he recognized Carmen Aldritt. She presented an overview of a bill outlining 9 areas to be included. These all assist with the present system of obtaining driver's licenses and state identification cards helping in upgrading security.

Moved by Representative Johnson, seconded by Representative Wilk to accept the above as a Committee bill.

Motion carried.

Moved by Representative Kelsey, seconded by Representative Colloton for approval of the Minutes of the House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security held on January 23, 2007 be approved.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers adjourned the meeting at 2:30. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 29.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security at 1:30 P.M. on January 25, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.