Minutes: House Military and Veterans Affairs

Roll Call

Present: Rep. Andera, Rep. Aylward, Rep. Baxter, Rep. Jorgenson, Rep. Kayser, Rep. Moore, Rep. Pourier, Rep. Randolph, Rep. Reder, Rep. Shorma, Rep. Weems, Rep. Reisch, and Rep. Goodwin

The meeting was called to order by Representative Goodwin

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 03RD

Moved by:WeemsSecond by:AylwardAction:Prevailed by voice vote

HB 1238 : establish protections for a veteran seeking assistance in a veterans' benefit matter.

Presented by: Representative Tim Goodwin

- Proponents: John Henry Blomstrom, Veterans Guardian VA Claims Consulting, Pinehurst, VA
- Peter O'Rourke, National Association of Veterans Rights, Arlington, VA Opponents: Kevin Hempel, American Legion Department of South Dakota, Watertown
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- Others: Aaron Pollard, Department of Veterans Affairs

MOTION: AMEND HB 1238

1238B

On page 3, line 7, of the Introduced bill, delete " secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs" and insert " attorney general" On page 3, line 9, of the Introduced bill, delete " secretary" and insert " attorney general"

Moved by:PourierSecond by:MooreAction:Prevailed by voice vote

MOTION: AMEND HB 1238

1238A

On page 3, line 2, of the Introduced bill, after "33A-2:" insert "A person rendering a service to advise, assist, or consult an individual in connection with a claim for a veteran's disability benefit must be accredited by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, pursuant to 38 C. F. R § 14. 629.

Moved by: Reder Second by: Andera Action: Failed by roll call vote (3-8-2-0) Voting Yes: Andera, Moore, and Reder

Voting No: Aylward, Jorgenson, Kayser, Pourier, Shorma, Weems, Reisch, and Goodwin

Excused: Baxter and Randolph

MOTION: DO PASS HB 1238 AS AMENDED

- Moved by:WeemsSecond by:PourierAction:Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (9-2-2-0)
- Voting Yes: Andera, Aylward, Jorgenson, Kayser, Pourier, Shorma, Weems, Reisch, and Goodwin
- Voting No: Moore and Reder
- Excused: Baxter and Randolph

HB 1160 : waive the driver license renewal period for members of the military and their families, and employees of the state department.

Presented by: Representative Tim Goodwin

Proponents: Jeannelle Yitagesu, Department of Public Safety Garth Wadsworth, Elevate Rapid City, Rapid City

MOTION: DO PASS HB 1160

- Moved by: Shorma
- Second by: Pourier

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (11-0-2-0)

Voting Yes: Andera, Aylward, Jorgenson, Kayser, Moore, Pourier, Reder, Shorma, Weems, Reisch, and Goodwin

Excused: Baxter and Randolph

HAVING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, THE CHAIR CERTIFIED HB 1160 AS UNCONTESTED AND AS SUCH BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

HB 1188 : allow nonresident military members to purchase three-day temporary nonresident waterfowl licenses.

Presented by: Representative Christopher Reder

Proponents: Justin Bell, Flatland Flyways, Hecla (Handout(s) 1) Jason Alan Glodt, South Dakota Landowner and Outfitter Alliance, Pierre Doug Abraham, South Dakota Retailers Association, Pierre Alex Russo, Flatland Flyways, Hecla Joseph Dadiomoff, self, Palmyra, TN Corey Birchfield, self, Springfield, TN

Opponents: George Morey Vandel III, South Dakota Waterfowl Association, Webster

George Morey Vandel III, South Dakota Wildlife Federation, Pierre Dana Rogers, South Dakota Wildlife Federation, Pierre

MOTION: DO PASS HB 1188

Moved by:	Shorma
Second by:	Aylward
Action:	Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (11-1-1-0)

- Voting Yes: Andera, Aylward, Baxter, Jorgenson, Kayser, Pourier, Reder, Shorma, Weems, Reisch, and Goodwin
- Voting No: Moore

Excused: Randolph

HCR 6002 : Urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to remove the requirement of a project labor agreement for federal construction projects.

- Presented by: Representative Terri Jorgenson
- Opponents: Kory Rawstern, SD State Federation of Labor AFL-CIO, Sioux Falls (Handout(s) 2)

MOTION: ADOPT RESOLUTION HCR 6002

Moved by:	Shorma
Second by:	Andera
Action:	Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (13-0-0-0)

Voting Yes: Andera, Aylward, Baxter, Jorgenson, Kayser, Moore, Pourier, Randolph, Reder, Shorma, Weems, Reisch, and Goodwin

HB 1076 : modify provisions pertaining to unethical conduct and improper collection of fees relating to assistance or referrals in a veterans benefits matter.

MOTION: DEFER HB 1076 UNTIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2025

MOTION: ADJOURN

Moved by:	Reisch
Second by:	Jorgenson
Action:	Prevailed by voice vote

Jean Denton, Committee Secretary

/s/ TIM GOODWIN Tim Goodwin, Chair