Minutes: House Military and Veterans Affairs Tuesday, February 18, 2025 3:15 PM

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 10TH

Moved by: Randolph Second by: Weems

Action: Prevailed by voice vote

HB 1161: allow additional forms to verify military service for a veteran designation on a commercial driver license or commercial learner's permit.

Presented by: Representative Tim Goodwin

Proponents: Jeannelle Yitagesu, Department of Public Safety

MOTION: DO PASS HB 1161

Moved by: Shorma Second by: Randolph

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

HAVING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, THE CHAIR CERTIFIED HB 1161 AS UNCONTESTED AND AS SUCH BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

HB 1162: require the reporting of the number of veterans who die by suicide in this state.

Presented by: Representative Tim Goodwin

Opponents: Melissa Magstadt, Secretary, Department of Health (Handout(s) 1)

MOTION: TO TABLE HB 1162

Moved by: Shorma Second by: Randolph

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

Voting Yes: Andera, Aylward, Baxter, Jorgenson, Kayser, Moore, Pourier, Randolph,

Reder, Shorma, and Reisch

Voting No: Weems and Goodwin

HB 1163: make an appropriation for a grant to assist in the construction and equipping of a veteran's skilled trade center.

Presented by: Representative Tim Goodwin

Proponents: David Gates, self, Rapid City (Handout(s) 2,3,4)

Don Ackerman, self, Hot Springs Tim Harless, Self, Piedmont

Opponents: Duncan Koch, Bureau of Finance and Management

MOTION: REFER HB 1163 TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: Randolph Second by: Reder

Action: Prevailed by roll call vote (13-0-0-0)

Voting Yes: Andera, Aylward, Baxter, Jorgenson, Kayser, Moore, Pourier, Randolph,

Reder, Shorma, Weems, Reisch, and Goodwin

HB 1198: modify the tuition benefit for dependents and spouses of disabled and deceased veterans.

Presented by: Representative Heather Baxter

Proponents: Anna Arnold, Department of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sioux

Falls

Doug Feltman, American Legion Department of SD, Chamberlain

Garth Wadsworth, Elevate Rapid City Dr. Joshua Kosola, self, Rapid City Duane Baker, self, Rapid City

Opponents: Heather Forney, Board of Regents

Duncan Koch, Bureau of Finance and Management

MOTION: FISCAL NOTE REQUEST ON HB 1198

Moved by: Randolph Second by: Reisch

Action: Prevailed by roll call vote (13-0-0-0)

Voting Yes: Andera, Aylward, Baxter, Jorgenson, Kayser, Moore, Pourier, Randolph,

Reder, Shorma, Weems, Reisch, and Goodwin

THE CHAIR DEFERRED HB 1198 AND 1076, AND SB 109 UNTIL THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH 2025

MOTION: ADJOURN

Moved by: Randolph Second by: Weems

Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Jean Denton, Committee Secretary

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Tim Goodwin, Chair