

Minutes: House Military and Veterans Affairs

Thursday, February 20, 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, and Rep. Goodwin
Excused: Rep. Reisch

The meeting was called to order by Representative Goodwin

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

Moved by: Randolph
Second by: Weems
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

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

Presented by: Representative Heather Baxter

MOTION: REFER HB 1198 TO HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Moved by: Jorgenson
Second by: Andera
Action: Prevailed by roll call vote (9-3-1-0)

Voting Yes: Andera, Baxter, Jorgenson, Kayser, Pourier, Randolph, Reder, Shorma, and Goodwin

Voting No: Aylward, Moore, and Weems

Excused: Reisch

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

Presented by: Representative Christopher Reder

Proponents: Michael Mehlhaff, American Legion Department of South Dakota, Watertown
Anna Arnold, Department of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sioux Falls

Opponents: Jason Alan Glodt, Veterans Guardian VA Claims Consulting, Pinehurst, NC

MOTION: DEFER HB 1076 TO THE 41ST LEGISLATIVE DAY

Moved by: Weems
Second by: Shorma
Action: Was not acted on.

MOTION: SUBSTITUTE MOTION: DO PASS HB 1076

Moved by: Moore
Second by: Baxter
Action: Failed by Majority Members Elect (6-6-1-0)

Voting Yes: Andera, Baxter, Kayser, Moore, Randolph, and Reder

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

Excused: Reisch

Revert to previous motion

MOTION: DEFER HB 1076 TO THE 41ST LEGISLATIVE DAY

Moved by: Weems
Second by: Shorma
Action: Failed by Majority Members Elect (6-6-1-0)

Voting Yes: Aylward, Jorgenson, Pourier, Shorma, Weems, and Goodwin

Voting No: Andera, Baxter, Kayser, Moore, Randolph, and Reder

Excused: Reisch

MOTION: WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION HB 1076 AS AMENDED

Moved by: Randolph
Second by: Aylward
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (7-5-1-0)

Voting Yes: Andera, Aylward, Baxter, Kayser, Moore, Randolph, and Reder

Voting No: Jorgenson, Pourier, Shorma, Weems, and Goodwin

Excused: Reisch

SB 109 : **permit a school district to implement a new or revised section 504 plan, individualized family service plan, or individualized education program for a student who is the child of an active-duty member of the United States armed forces.**

Presented by: Representative Rebecca Reimer
Proponents: Garth Wadsworth, Elevate Rapid City
Opponents: Linda Turner, Department of Education

MOTION: DO PASS SB 109

Moved by: Reder
Second by: Pourier
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (10-2-1-0)

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

Voting No: Aylward and Randolph

Excused: Reisch

MOTION: ADJOURN

Moved by: Weems

Second by: Randolph

Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Jean Denton, Committee Secretary

/s/ TIM GOODWIN
Tim Goodwin, Chair