

Approved: 03/28/07  
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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 March 20, 2007 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Bob Bethell- excused  
Representative Marti Crow- excused  
Representative Kenny Wilk- excused

Committee staff present:

Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research  
Betty Caruthers, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: George Vega, State Personnel Division  
Kraig Knowlton, State Personnel Division

Others attending:

See attached list.

Moved by Representative Kelsey, seconded by Representative Phelps for approval of the House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security held on March 14, 2007 be approved.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers announced the discussion of **HB 2562 - Veterans preference in employment.**

Vice-Chairman Goico requested providing the Committee with a hand-out of the Sub-Committee report. This was approved and made available to the Committee. (Attachment 1)

Chairman Myers requested that Revisor, Art Griggs give an overview of the changes for the **Substitute for HB 2562.** (Attachment 2)

Vice-Chairman Goico requested that he be able to present the Sub-Committee report to the Committee which Chairman Myers approved being done. As a part of this Representative Goico suggested the Legislature look at this in about two years for review. He also talked about giving notification of rejection in a certified letter. Representative Goyle wanted more specificity in addition to competency. Representative Lukert questioned veterans getting preferential treatments with promotions. George Vega with the State Personnel Dept. stated that the State allows preference with initial hires as well as promotions. Representative Craft questioned the definition being used for veterans. Representative Goyle questioned limiting it to combat veterans.

Chairman Myers suggested the possibility of this bill going back to the Sub-Committee for further work while Vice-Chairman Goico voiced the possibility of continuing the present discussions and possible working of the bill.

Representative Johnson moved, seconded by Representative Goyle to work the 3/20 noon version of the Substitute for HB 2562.

Motion carried.

Moved by Representative Ruff, seconded by Representative Goico to add - 'notification within 30 days' to page 3 end of line 1 and 'acting in good faith' to page 2 line 4 after means.

Motion carried.

Moved by Representative Johnson, seconded by Representative Goyle to utilize DD form 214 which is the same as the State Personnel use for required identification and status.

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Motion carried.

Representative Craft questioned why the 9/11/01 date was being utilized.

Representative Craft made a conceptual motion, seconded by Representative Ruff to strike the 9/11/07 part.

Motion carried.

Representative Goico moved to request a Legislative post audit study in two years. Seconded by Representative Ruff.

Motion carried.

Moved by Representative Proehl, seconded by Representative Johnson to insert the word 'completely' after the word can and before the word perform on page 2 line 33.

Motion carried.

Moved by Representative Ruff, seconded by Representative Goico to removed the second word 'initial' and replace it with 'first' promotion on page 2 line 21.

Motion carried.

Moved by Representative Lukert, seconded by Representative Light to strike the words 'and 1<sup>st</sup> promotion'.

Motion failed.

Moved by Representative Ruff, seconded by Representative Craft to switch sections a and b and start the bill as it reads on page 2 line 9.

Representative Ruff withdrew her motion.

Chairman Myers recognized Kraig Knowlton who spoke to sub-section C page 2 line 35 where he had concerns regarding the word 'shall' which could signify absolute or guaranteed preference.

Moved by Representative Ruff, seconded by Representative Lukert that on page 2 line 35 strike the word 'appoint' and replace it with 'consider the veteran for appointment.' In line 35 the word 'veteran' will also be stricken. This modification was approved as part of the motion.

Motion carried.

Moved by Representative Craft, page 2 line 19 section C, to read 'veterans shall be offered a preference for consideration for initial employment and first promotion.' No second.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Moved by Representative Goico, seconded by Representative Colloton, page 2 line 3, add 'or pay grade of O4 or above' and remove '20 years or more of service.'

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers adjourned the meeting at 3:20.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2007.

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