

DEPARTMENT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting of the Department Legislative Committee was called to order by Tim Poxson, Chairman in Muskegon, Michigan, on October 22, 2017. The following people were present:

Members: Tim Poxson, Skipper Townes, and Joe Renis.

Guests: 7

It was moved by Townes and supported by Renis that the minutes of the Summer meeting of the Department Legislative Committee be approved. Motion carried.

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First reading of the Standing Rules for the Legislative Committee were read. Changes were ~~made~~ voted on and approved.

Review of pending bills:

HB 4817, Medical Records, Require access to veterans health records to waive fee under certain circumstances. Committee tabled until further information is made available.

HB 4818, Veterans Bill of Rights. Committee recommends our position to be neutral. The feeling the Bill is codifying being nice and does not provide consequences for lack of adherence.

HB 4826; Establish grant program for entities providing services to veterans. The committee recommends to oppose this legislation.

HB 4858; Allow state and veteran training and status to factor into starting salary is Civil Service jobs. The committee recommends the DEC support the Legislation.

HB 409~~4~~; Provides free credit freeze for active duty military personnel. Committee recommends support of the legislation.

Veterans Homes Authority Update:

Board has met several times. Lack of a quorum has limited the decision making ability of the board. Currently voting and having discussions on property in Detroit. Hope to have location and decisions on grants by the Winter meeting.

John Knox introduced the Leading Candidate for National Commander, Brett Reistad, from the Commonwealth of Virginia. He discussed the push for Legislation on getting an American Legion Coin minted. Only two are approved each year and one has already been chosen. The push is to get all Legislators to be listed as supporting the Bill.

Meeting adjourned at 1530.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Poxson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tim Poxson
Chairman

9-22-2017 AT 1430
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>Post #</u>
BOE McCLELLAN	253
DAVID WOOD Babby	409
JIM WASH	340
Dave Modberry	29
Rod Roseman	9
Jerry Lynch	43
Howard Crumit	88