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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY AND HOMELAND
SECURITY

The meeting was called to order by Representative Mario Goico, Chairman, at 9:00 a.m. on February 10, 2011 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Jim Fawcett - excused

Committee staff present:
Julian Efird, Legislative Research
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research
Doug Taylor, Revisor
Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Wayne Bollig, Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs
Ken Stodgell, State Adjutant/Quartermaster, VFW

HB 2168 – concerning veterans; relating to veterans benefits.

The Chair introduced Wayne Bollig who spoke as a proponent of **HB 2168**, saying that the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, (KCVA) supported the changes made in the bill. (Attachment 1).

Mr. Bollig pointed out that these advantages to veterans were benefits that were already provided by Oklahoma and Texas.

Questions and answers followed.

Ken Stodgell addressed the Committee next, saying that the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) was also supportive of **HB 2168**, stating that it would have a positive impact for veterans. (Attachment 2).

Questions and answers followed.

The hearing on **HB 2168** was closed.

HB 2060 – concerns disposal of decedents' remains.

An amendment was proposed by Representative Mah and seconded by Representative Johnson that failed to pass on a tie vote.

Representative Meier made a conceptional motion that was seconded by Representative Garber to amend HB 2060 by moving Item 1 to a new section. It would apply only to active duty military personnel. All other items would return to the original statute. The motion to amend passed on a show of hands.

A motion to pass HB 2060, as amended, out of Committee was made by Representative Mah and seconded by Representative O'Brien and passed on a show of hands.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15.

