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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mario Goico at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present:

Committee staff present:

Mary Torrence, Office of the Revisor
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Rich Mergen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Landon Fulmer, State Policy Director, Governor's Office
Paul Scheuren, Economist, Impact Data Source
Eric Hess, Vice President, SES Inc.

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Chairman Goico opened the meeting; provided some background information about the Joint Committee on Kansas Security and then some brief information about the National Bio & Agro-Defense Facility in Manhattan, Kansas.

Chairman Goico recognized Representative Meier who made a motion that disabled Veterans should only be required to provide proof of their disability on the initial request for Kansas hunting license (at no cost) and not on each and every subsequent year. The motion was seconded by Representative Montgomery and passed on a voice vote.

Chairman Goico recognized Landon Fulmer who briefed the Committee on the progress of the National Bio & Agro-Defense Facility in Manhattan, Kansas. (Attachment #1) Question and answer period followed.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the HOUSE VETERANS, MILITARY AND HOMELAND SECURITY Committee at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24, in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

Chairman Goico recognized Paul Scheuren who provided results of the economic impact analysis of the National Bio & Agro-Defense facility. (Attachment #2) Question and answer period followed.

Chairman Goico recognized Eric Hess who presented a summary of the report titled “Qualitative Risk Assessment” for the National Bio & Agro-Defense Facility. (Attachment #3) Question and answer period followed.

Chairman Goico made a motion that the National Bio & Agro-Defense facility security officials have the same authorities as security officials at the nuclear plants in the State. The motion was seconded by Representative Holmes and passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

The next House Veterans, Military & Homeland Security Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2012.

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