

The Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs
Meeting Minutes - December 2, 2009

Members present: Representatives Bailey, Morrell, McCune, Hurst, Finn, O'Brien, Klippert;
Senators Hobbs, Roach, Shin, Swecker, Carrell, Kilmer, and Franklin

Members absent:

1. Representative Bailey announced Senator Shin's resignation from the Executive Committee voted unanimously to elect Senator Hobbs to the Executive Committee.

2. Representative Bailey called for discussion of the draft Vision and Operating Procedures. After discussion, the Committee adopted the Vision and Operating Procedures as amended.

3. Review of recommendations of bills for the 2010 session was discussed. After discussion, the Committee voted to recommend only those bills that receive a unanimous recommendation by the members present. After presentations on the bills, the Committee voted to recommend the following bills to the Legislature:

- Corrections to the law regarding adoption petitions (Rep. Kelley)
- Concerning the Washington soldiers' home (Dept. of Veterans Affairs request legislation)
- Relating to the disposition of remains of persons who died while serving on active duty (Rep. Kelley)
- In-state tuition for active military stationed in Washington (Rep. Orcutt)
- Veterans lay-off and re-employment rights (Rep. Kelley, Senator Carrell)
- Military leave for public employees (Military Department request legislation)
- Regarding Military and overseas voters (Secretary of State request legislation)

4. John Lee, Director, Department of Veterans' Affairs, presented information to the Committee regarding the Veteran's Court Initiative program.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

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