STATE OF MINNESOTA THIRD MEETING

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-THIRD SESSION

 **VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

Representative Jerry Newton, Chair of the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance & Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, on January 30, 2023 in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members present:**

NEWTON, Jerry, Chair

ELKINS, Steve, Vice-Chair

BLISS, Matt, Minority Lead

BENNETT, Peggy

CLARDY, Mary Frances

COULTER, Nathan

GREENMAN, Emma

HUDELLA, Shane

LISLEGARD, Dave

NORRIS, Matt

OLSON, Bjorn

WEINS, Mark

A quorum was present.

Representative Bliss moved that the minutes from January 23, 2023 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation of the Governor’s Budget Recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.

Presenters:

* Larry Herke, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA)
* Ben Johnson, Chief of Staff, MDVA

HF284 (Norris) Helmets to Hardhats Minnesota initiative funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair Newton moved that HF284 be re-referred to the House Labor and Industry Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Wiens moved the HF0284A2 amendment to amend HF284. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Norris moved the HF0284A3 amendment to amend HF284, as amended. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Norris presented HF284 as amended.

Testifiers:

* Axel Schow, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters
* Mariah Mudek, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters
* Justin Rost, Executive Director, Minnesota Helmets to Hardhats

Chair Newton renewed the motion that HF284, as amended, be rereferred to the House Labor and Industry Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation of the Governor’s Budget Recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Military Affairs (DMA).

Presenters:

* Major General Shawn Manke, Adjutant General, Minnesota National Guard
* Don Kerr, Executive Director, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 PM.

 Rep. Jerry Newton, CHAIR

 Robin Schmidt, Committee Legislative Assistant