STATE OF MINNESOTA SIXTH 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 P.M., on February 27, 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

WIENS, Mark

A quorum was present.

Representative Bliss moved that the minutes from February 13, 2023, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF2130 (Coulter) Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair Newton moved that HF2130 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Representative Coulter presented HF2130.

Testifiers:

* Randal Dietrich, Executive Director, Military and Veterans Museum

Chair Newton renewed the motion that HF2130 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Vice-Chair Elkins assumed the gavel at 1:16 P.M.

HF1937 (Newton) Department of Military Affairs and Department of Veterans Affairs budgets established, veterans bonus program and Minnesota GI Bill program provisions modified, reports required, and money appropriated.

Chair Elkins moved that HF1937 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Representative Newton presented HF1937.

Testifiers:

* Major General Shawn Manke, Adjutant General, Minnesota National Guard
* Don Kerr, Executive Director, Minnesota Department of Military Affairs
* Ben Johnson, Legislative Director, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA)
* Andrew Garvis, Director of Veterans Programs and Memorial Affairs, MDVA

Chair Newton renewed the motion that HF1937 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 P.M.

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|  Representative Jerry Newton, Chair |

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|  Robin Schmidt, Committee Legislative Assistant |