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Administrative Committee On Veterans Affairs

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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 1991, MEETING OF THE
NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

LOCATION--LEGION CLUB, BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
CONVENED AT 1:15 P.M.

Chairman Wagner opened meeting at 1:10 pm with Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer for POW/MIA.

Roll call held: James Riden, Adrian Crowfeather and Richard Solberg absent. All other committee members present. James Ziegler reported that Vietnam Veterans Council had met and a letter had been sent to Richard Solberg requesting that he attend meetings of Administrative Committee or submit his resignation to Governor Sinner.

Others in attendance were Dennis Mock, Job Service; Milton Kane, Commissioner of Veterans Affairs; Frank Gathman, Commandant of Veterans Home; Ken Anderson, Administrative Assistant Veterans Home; Ron Otto, Morton County Service Officer; Dennis Berg, Burleigh County Service Officer; and Kenneth Evenson, President Coordinating Council.

Minutes of October 14 meeting were read and approved. William Haug moved that minutes of September 13 and July 22 meetings be approved. Second by Suzanne Kime. Carried.

Chairman Wagner informed committee members of agenda. Governor Sinner to meet with committee at 4:30 p.m. Hearing on appeal on denial of admission of individual to Veterans Home at 3:00 p.m. House Budget Appropriations Committee hearings on budget for Department of Veterans Affairs and North Dakota Veterans Home Wednesday morning at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Meeting recessed at 1:40 p.m. so sub committees could meet.

Meeting reconvened at 3:00 p.m. for appeal hearing. Chairman Wagner called on Frank Gathman to distribute fact documents to committee members. Chairman Wagner stated that Michael Bickler had waived (45) forty five day notice of hearing. Mr. Michael Bickler or his representative failed to appear. Chairman Wagner closed hearing, with no action being taken.

SUBCOMMITTEE FOR
VETERANS AFFAIRS
WILLIAM HAUG, CHR
PAUL S. AABERG, VICE-CHR
ADRIAN CROWFEATHER
RICHARD SOLBERG
DIRECTOR HASS
ROBERT BOHN
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Meeting recessed at 3:20 p.m. that sub committee meetings could continue.

Meeting reconvened at 3:50 p.m. General McDonald and Colonel Hildebrand of National Guard were introduced. General McDonald brought committee up to date on progress and status of National Guard Cemetery.

Mike Deisz, Job Services, Director; Ray Harkema and Gene Kouba from Department of Veterans Affairs were introduced.

Godke reported for Veterans Home sub committee. Godke reported that Home had 102 residents, 3 being women.

Godke moved that rules on passes and leaves, 30 days or over be amended. Second by Vandrovec. During discussion, Frank Gathman stated that residents had been involved in smoking policy rules and they were supportive of policy change. Motion carried.

Kime moved and approval of Home report. Second by Haug. Carried.

Governor Sinner was introduced and was asked to address committee. Governor Sinner explained his position on amending Veterans Preference Law, to allow more women in labor force. The Governor asked for committee comments. Information was submitted that Equal Opportunity Act of 1972, amended 8-1-83, clearly states that nothing in this Act repeals, modifies federal, state or local statute, regulation, or ordinance creating special rights or preference for veterans. Governor Sinner said he had not been aware of this section on Veterans Preference and would have it researched. Governor Sinner Thanked committee for allowing him to present his views.

Haug reported on sub committee for Veterans Affairs. Haug moved that Adrian Crowfeather's letter and attachments be forwarded to Governor Sinner and to ND Veterans Coordinating Council. Second by Ziegler. Carried.

Bohn moved to accept Haug's report. Liuska second. Carried.

Chairman Wagner asked that as many committee members as possible attend House hearings on Wednesday, January 9, am.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by
Paul S. Aaberg, Secretary

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