

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

Minutes - January 9, 1973
American Legion Club
Bismarck, North Dakota

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wagner at 1:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Wagner, Schmit, Novak, Ulness, Sloan, Groth, Morris,
Welander, Gullickson, Habiger, Rosendahl Ex-Officio
Rice, Grondahl, W. Fiedler
Absent: Crawford(excused) Ex-Officio: Melhouse (excused)

Motion made to dispense with reading of minutes. Moved by Sloan, second Groth.

Joe Novak, committee of one to audit the Department of Veterans Affairs, presented his report. General conclusion was that the DVA is generally in compliance with existing laws. Since a hand-out was prepared covering the entire text of the report, and distributed to all present, the contents will not be outlined in the minutes. However, several points should be emphasized:

- The competitive nature of Power of Attorney designation.
- Lack of interest on part of returning Viet-vets in any Veterans organization.
- To up-grade facilities of Department of Veterans Affairs
- Need for greater effort directed towards Veterans Service Officers.
- More publicity for work of the DVA.

Sloan moved the adoption of the report, second - Morris.

Morris moved that the report be discussed, accepted or rejected at the next meeting of the Committee. Second - Rosendahl.

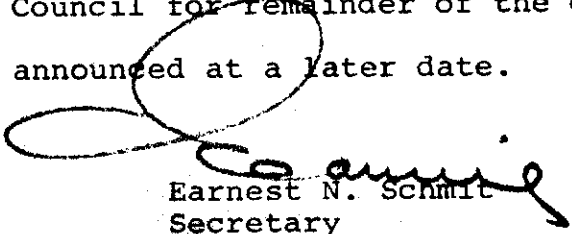
Gullickson complimented Novak on behalf of the Committee for his fine report.

Chairman Wagner called for a report from the sub-committee on the Soldier's Home - was decided that because of the time needed would be better to wait until next meeting after the legislative session.

Welander gave a brief report on hearing before Senate Appropriations committee - Soldier's Home budget.

The Committee adjourned at 2:00 p.m. in order to meet jointly with the North Dakota Veterans Co-ordinating Council for remainder of the day.

Next meeting of the Committee to be announced at a later date.


Ernest N. Schmit
Secretary