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Administrative Committee On Veterans Affairs

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Minutes - January 21, 1975

Conference Room
Employment Security Bureau
Bismarck, North Dakota

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Chairman Wagner called the meeting of the Committee to order at 1:00 p.m. CST, January 21, 1975. Roll Call was taken with the following present: Gullickson, Novak, Sloan, Swartz, Ulness, Wagner, and Welander. Absent and excused: Crawford, Groth, and Morris. Rosendahl and Habiger arrived later for the evening session. Ex-Officio members present: Gronvold, Melhouse. Absent and excused: Rice. Absent: Klecker.

Chairman Welander provided a report on the Soldiers' Home Sub-Committee meeting which was held at 10:00 a.m., January 21, 1975. It included information regarding the Fire Marshall's inspection of the Soldiers' Home with the ten items recommended for repair, and the Committee asked that the special memorial fund of \$2,500 be used for this purpose. He outlined the impact of such things as fuel oil increases proposed by President Ford on the pending budget, and also reported that the storm broke heating pipes. While these are repaired, there are continuing problems and a surplus generator is being sought to be used on a gas motor tractor for emergencies.

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Commander Charles Code reported \$4,000 in bills and \$50.00 in the bank account. He also pointed out that Senate Bill 2110 now under consideration by the Legislature provides emergency funds for the balance of the biennium, and feels that this will be the solution to the problem.

Ex-Officio member General Melhouse suggested we contact Ron Affeldt of Civil Defense for standby power equipment in conjunction with our need for emergency generator capacity. Gullickson moved, Swartz seconded the acceptance of Chairman Welander's report, motion unanimously approved.

The report of the Department of Veterans Affairs Sub-Committee was presented by Mr. Zander in the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Department of Veterans Affairs Committee, and will be provided to members of the Committee as a report to the Department of Veterans Affairs Sub-Committee by Chairman Rosendahl, for inclusion in the total minutes of the January 21st meeting.

The Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs met jointly with the Veterans Coordinating Council at 2 p.m. to be briefed on all Legislation affecting veterans which is currently being considered by the Legislature.

While all veterans' legislation, with perhaps the only exception the budget of the Soldiers' Home and the Department of Veterans Affairs, is the sole responsibility of the Coordinating Council, it has always been advantageous to members of the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs to be

currently advised of the Bills being presented and their current status.

The Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs reconvened at 3 p.m. and Chairman Wagner advised that a report on the stewardship of each of the members to the various veterans organizations is due in early May, and will be prepared and submitted on schedule.

In regard to the January 1st pay raises provided by emergency legislation, member Sloan moved, and member Swartz seconded a motion to have the Department of Veterans Affairs adopt the pay raises recommended by the State personnel system.

The meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m. to reconvene at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Americana Room to meet with the various members of the Legislature, and was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m. CST on January 21, 1975.

No date was selected for the next quarter's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Novak", written in a cursive style.

Joe Novak
Secretary