



## Committee Minutes

**COMMITTEE:** Armed Services and Veterans Affairs  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Haraz N. Ghanbari  
**DATE:** May 25, 2022  
**TIME:** 9:30 AM  
**ROOM:** Room 018

Chairman Ghanbari called the committee to order at 9:36 a.m.

The clerk took the role, and with a quorum present the committee proceeded as a full committee.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Ghanbari then brought attention to the empty chair in honor of nation's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action.

The chair brought forth the minutes of the previous committee meeting. Hearing no objection, the minutes were passed.

Chairman Ghanbari brought forward H.B. 581 for its third hearing. Seeing no one to testify, Vice Chair Loychik motioned moved to move H.B. 581 and urge passage. It was then offered a second.

Representative Richardson brought forth the similarity between H.B. 581 and a Senate Bill within the committee and requested if the similarity would be addressed.

Chairman Ghanbari responded and assured it would be addressed. Pending no further questions the clerk took the roll.

With unanimous votes, the bill was passed and the roll left open until 4 p.m. the same day.

Chairman Ghanbari brought forth H.C.R. 46 for its third hearing.

Committee stood at ease at 9:42 am.

Committee was called back to order at 9:43 am.

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The Chairman then asked if the committee had any questions or concerns with having the resolution pushed to the following week following an LSC correction to the title.

Representative Fowler-Arthur questioned with this change whether or not this resolution would be able to make it onto the floor in time before summer recess.

Chairman Ghanbari and Ranking Member Miller both confirmed that there would be session the following week and it would have the ability to be voted out of committee the following week as well.

The Chairman then moved to push H.C.R. 46 to the next week and brought forth the first hearing of S.B. 259 sponsored by Senator Hoagland.

Senator Hoagland provided testimony on S.B. 259.

Ranking Member Miller spoke stating that he commended the Senator for bringing this matter forward and thanked him for doing his due diligence.

Chairman Ghanbari recognized Representative Gross who noted an audio issue.

Chairman Ghanbari then asked if there were any further questions. Seeing none, this concluded the first hearing of S.B. 259.

Chairman Ghanbari then called up S.B. 287 for its first hearing while noting that this would be a companion bill to H.B. 581.

Senator Manning provided sponsor testimony on S.B. 287. The Senator addressed that it was similar to that of H.B. 581 having exact same language and was a necessary piece of legislation that should be addressed

Ranking Member Miller asked whether not this language would include or exclude a debit card. He also asked whether the exclusion spoke to the Government Travel Cards (GTC) that are arranged by the state.

Senator Manning responded stating that they already have credit cards and that they are only credit cards and not debit cards but will check in with LSC.

Ranking Miller followed up stating he wanted to make sure that these cards are used for the proper use and do not provide options of cash back and is interested in the LSC response back.

Senator Manning responded that it would remain consistent and does not change what the credit cards can be used for.

Chairman Ghanbari brought forth attention to the Ohio Channel still on break and ensured the

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minutes would reflect what was said.

Chairman Ghanbari then asked if there were any further questions. Seeing none, this concluded the first hearing of S.B. 287.

Chairman Ghanbari then brought to attention that as Memorial Day is approaching, this is a day to honor the sacrifice of those who have died in service to our nation. The Chair then brought attention to an activity that would be occurring on Friday honoring Gold Star families and asked for prayers for the founder of this intuitive, Medal of Honor recipient Mr. Hershel Woody Williams who has been in the hospital. He also noted that the following Sunday, a candle light service and ground breaking for a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument was scheduled at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum.

Representative Richardson followed up asking the time of the Wreath Laying.

Chairman Ghanbari noted that he would follow up with the time and would let the members of the committee know.

The committee was then adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

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Haraz N. Ghanbari, Chair

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