MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Representative(s) Dixon(1), Holtzclaw (Yorgason), Monks, Blanksma, Manwaring, Shepherd, Crane(12), Handy, Hill, Lanting, Miller, Petzke, Yamamoto, Gannon, Burns

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Representative(s) Dixon(1), Crane(12)

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.

Colonel Ernesto DiVittorio, Commander, 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, presented a State of the Gunfighters address to the committee. The mission statement for the 366th Fighter Wing is to "provide mission-ready gunfighters to conduct military operations anytime, anywhere." Their vision is "to be the Nation's most lethal and agile lead wing." Col. DiVittorio stated they continue to be the lead wing in air combat command; beginning in April, the 366th Fighter Wing will go to ready phase for six months and can be deployed anywhere in the world. Col. DiVittorio remarked the Base has long term viability for several reasons; favorable air space with minimal encroachments, great weather with 300+/- flying days a year, and significant ramp space with room to accommodate future mission growth.

MOTION: **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion for the committee to dissolve into an executive session for the purpose of hearing an unclassified briefing given by intelligence experts from the Mountain Home Air Force Base. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Captain Stewart Harris and Master Sergeant Ian Clark, 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, presented an unclassified intelligence briefing to the committee.

Chairman Palmer reconvened the public meeting at 2:24pm.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm.

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Representative Palmer   Tracey McDonnell

Chair   Secretary