

The House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs

83rd Legislature

August 13, 2014

9:30 a.m.

10 Civic Center, El Paso TX 79901

Pursuant to a notice posted on August 7, 2014, the House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Menéndez, at 9:45 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Menéndez; Collier; Miller, Rick; Moody; and Schaefer.

A quorum was present.

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Chairman Menéndez laid out Interim Charge 1

Review the effectiveness and responsibilities of the Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC). Examine the resources available to the TMPC to ensure the council has the organizational structure in place to protect base installations in Texas during future Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) rounds. Monitor the actions of the newly created BRAC task force, SB 1200 (83R), and review methodologies to enhance relationships between military installations and state and local government to positively impact decisions of BRAC, or similar proposals from the U.S. Department of Defense that could result in a reduced military presence in Texas. Seek opportunities to enhance or expand current military missions in Texas and identify, when possible, new missions that would complement or support existing ones.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

At 12:12 p.m., on the motion of Representative Menéndez and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Menéndez, Chair

Dwight Clark, Clerk