



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS

Draft Priorities for Work

Veterans

- Oversight of existing investments/programs
- Development of new legislative programming in support of core mission/s
- Emphasis for 2019:
 - o Educational assistance "Bridge-Loan" (forgivable loan for post-secondary course completion)
 - o Employment readiness
 - o Supports/wrap-around services for ensuring post-hire success for veteran employees (glideslope from start-date to six months)
 - o Rewards for employers of veterans (and military families)
 - o Increase in legitimate apprenticeship programming
 - o Increase in small business ownership among veterans (and military families)

Emergency Preparedness

- Beginning of Discussion on Emergency Management/Preparedness Reorganization
- Lend-Lease expansion
- Open-Spaces Task Force with authorities for pilot/s
- Workgroup priorities from 2017-2018
- Air/Sea port resiliency
- OTR Fuel Hauling concept/s
- Railcar Workgroup legislation
- 9-1-1 Conversation/s

Military

- Readiness for upcoming deployment of 1,100 members of the ORNG
- Development of enhanced community relationships

Expanded Scope

- DPSST training options for GI Bill recipients
- Development of statewide fire suppression structure for both structural and wildland firefighting requirements linked to changing dynamics of forests
- Public Safety scope – small measures – from Judiciary Committee (on matters of force development, equipment, and positioning)

Budget

- New seismic resiliency grants as well as loans for:
 - o Community hubs (that may not be publicly owned)
 - o Infrastructure – fixed as well as mobile – for exigent circumstances (water purification e.g.)
 - o Development of strategic cost estimates for integrated "Rally point to Response facility to Refugee Center" complex