

\*Senate Committee\*

## **COMMITTEE MINUTES for GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT**

Date: *February 28, 2013*

Location: *Room 24*

Convened: *4:05 PM*

Adjourned: *4:35 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Petersen-CH, Schoenjahn-VC, Greiner

Absent: None

Excused: Senators Sorenson-RM, McCoy

Representative Koester called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Roll was called.

The Minutes of the February 14, 2013 meeting were approved.

Vern Armstrong, Division Administrator Field Services discussed the Disaster Aid Individual Assistance Grant Fund and the application process when the Governor declares a State Disaster.

Megan Tooker, Executive Director and Legal Council of the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board explained the conflict of interest procedure according to Iowa Code 68.B and 32.B.

A proposed bill draft was distributed to members of the committee for review and discussion for an act allowing the office of citizens' aide and the Iowa public information board access to the minutes and audio recording of a closed session in the performance of their duties. Moved to Subcommittee of the Whole by unanimous consent and asked questions of Ruth Cooperrider concerning the proposed bill draft. The proposed bill draft does address the problems her office has faced. Dissolved the sub-committee of the whole and with a voice vote, committee approved proposed bill draft to become a study bill.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Senator Janet Petersen

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Claire Haws, Committee Secretary