Senate Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for ETHICS

Date:	April 17, 2013 Location:	Room 22
Convened:	11:00 AM	
Adjourned:	11:10 AM	
Attendance Roll Call:Present:Senators Horn-CH, Dearden-VC, Greiner-RM, Behn, Seng, Whitver		
Absent:	None	
Excused:	None	

Chair horn called the meeting to order at 11:02. All members were present.

The Chair opened discussion of issues before the the committee on the complaint filed and an email received relating to the campaign payment issue. Senator Dearden made a motion that a signed affidavit from the alleged witness "A" arrive at the Senate within 10 calendar days from today. Senator Whitver moved an amendment citing code chapter 68B, that after the 10 day calendar limit, if no affidavit arrives the charge be dismissed. The motion passed on voice vote of all ayes, no nays. Senator Dearden then moved the motion as amended. The motion passed on a voice vote of all ayes, no nays.

Discussion followed on the second point of the issue, the criminal complaint. Senator Dearden made a motion that the Secretary of the Senate request an update from the Urbandale Police Department on the status of this issue. Discussion followed. Senator Whitver again noted the committee's duty under Code chapter 68B to make every effort to resolve complaints within three months. Senator Greiner noted that because an affidavit is involved, we should meet again after the 10 day limit of the first motion and hear what is happening with the criminal investigation. This was followed by more discussion and a request that the Secretary of the Senate find out when we might expect to hear from the Urbandale Police Department as to action or results. The Secretary was present and agreed to do this without changing the motion. A voice vote was taken on the amendment, with it passing with all ayes and no nays.

It was discussed that the committee would meet again before the close of session and review the status of both issues.

A motion to adjourn was made by both Senator Dearden and Senator Greiner at 11:10.

Senator Wally E. Horn