

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for COMMERCE

Date: *February 3, 2015*

Location: *RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber*

Convened: *1:00 PM*

Adjourned: *2:00 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Cownie-CH, Carlson-VC, Oldson-RM, Baltimore, Dawson, Forbes, Grassley, Hagenow, Hall, Holt, Jacoby, Kaufmann, Kressig, Landon, Lykam, Ourth, Pettengill, Rizer, Sands, Soderberg, Vander Linden, Watts

Absent:

Excused: Representative Meyer

Chairman Cownie called the Commerce Committee meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Chair Cownie asked for any revisions to the minutes of the January 29th meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Cownie announced the following bill assignment:

[HSB 104](#) – Cownie-CH: Sands, Soderberg, Oldson and Hall

Chair Cownie gave opening remarks and recognized Representative Carlson for [HSB 70](#): A study bill concerning access to documents during the competitive bidding process for public improvement contracts. The subcommittee report of Rep. Carlson, Landon and Lykam was submitted and signed. Rep. Carlson gave opening remarks and asked permission to take up amendment 70.29. The floor was open for discussion. Short form was called and amendment 70.29 passed on a voice vote. Rep. Carlson gave closing remarks and moved the bill. Chair Cownie moved [HSB 70](#) as amended, on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 22 ayes and 1 absent (Rep. Meyer).

Chair Cownie introduced Ed Pardini, Regional Vice President of Mediacom; Wayne Johnson, Regulatory Affairs Director of Century Link; and Tom Conry, General Manager of Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company (Harlan, Iowa) representing the Iowa Communications Alliance, for their presentation. Discussion followed and committee members voiced concerns.

Chair Cownie thanked Mediacom, Century Link, and Iowa Communications Alliance for coming and for their presentation.

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Cownie moved to adjourn and Representative Kressig seconded the motion.

The Commerce Committee adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Representative Peter Cownie

Marlene Martens, Committee Secretary