

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for STATE GOVERNMENT

Date: *February 26, 2015*

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

Convened: *2:00 PM*

Adjourned: *3:00 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Vander Linden-CH, Sexton-VC, Lensing-RM, Bacon, Berry, Branhagen, Cohoon, Drake, Highfill, Hunter, Kelley, Koester, Mascher, Miller, L., Pettengill, Prichard, Stanerson, Stutsman, Taylor, T., Watts, Wills, Winckler

Absent:

Excused: Representative Hein

The State Government Committee was called to order by Chair Vander Linden at 2:00 pm.

Roll Call was taken with a quorum present.

As there were no corrections, amendments, and/or deletions to the February 17th meeting minutes, Chair Vander Linden moved to approve the minutes as distributed.

The following bills were assigned to subcommittees:

[HF 255](#): Vander Linden-CH, L. Miller, Mascher-Smoking in casinos

[HF 302](#): Watts-CH, Highfill, Berry- Commission of African Americans

[HF 301](#): Watts-CH, Highfill, T. Taylor-Public employers seeking felony info.

[HSB 158](#): Wills-CH, Watts, Cohoon-Election administration and officials

[HSB 159](#): Pettengill-CH, Drake, Stutsman-County medical examiner fees

[HF 338](#): Stanerson-CH, L. Miller, Kelley-Public access to data processing software

[HF 337](#): Watts-CH, Highfill, Prichard-Campaign Finance law and independent expenditures

[HF 336](#): Watts-CH, Highfill, Mascher- Prohibiting smoking in casinos

[HF 102](#): Watts-CH, Highfill, Lensing-Smokefree Air Act, Casinos

[HF 413](#): Watts-CH, Highfill, Kelley-Vehicles used by certain DNR personnel

[HF 418](#): Watts-CH, Highfill, Stutsman-Radon control and testing

[HF 344](#): Hein-CH, Wills, Stutsman

Both parties went to caucus at 2:02 pm and reconvened at 2:37 pm.

Chair Vander Linden recognized Representative Pettengill for opening comments on [HSB 108](#), a study bill concerning the contract bidding process for public improvement projects and its application to certain government entities. Representative Pettengill introduced Amendment 380 to [HSB 108](#). After discussion, Representative Pettengill moved Amendment 108 and it passed by a voice vote. Following discussion, Chair Vander Linden recognized Representative Pettengill for closing comments on [HSB 108](#), as amended. Representative Pettengill moved [HSB 108](#), as amended. A record roll call was taken and [HSB 108](#) passed, as amended (12-10) (Nays: Lensing, Berry, Cohoon, Hunter, Kelley, Mascher, Prichard, Stutsman, T. Taylor, Winckler). [HSB 108](#) moves to the floor of the house as a committee bill.

Chair Vander Linden recognized Representative Koester for opening comments on [HSB 73](#), a study bill for providing for the future repeal of the state board of tax review, providing for appeals to the director of revenue for certain tax matters and modifying the powers and duties of the director of revenue, and including effective date and applicability provisions. Representative Koester introduced Amendment 262 to [HSB 73](#). After discussion, Representative Koester moved Amendment 262 and it passed by voice vote. Following discussion, Chair Vander Linden recognized Representative Koester for closing comments on [HSB 73](#), as amended. Representative Koester moved [HSB 73](#), as amended. A record roll call was taken and [HSB 73](#) passed, as amended (22-0). [HSB 73](#) moves to the floor of the house as a committee bill.

Chair Vander Linden recognized Representative Wills for opening comments on [HF 47](#), a bill for an act relating to supervision of electrical wiring performed by apprentice electricians or unclassified persons. Following discussion, Chair Vander Linden recognized Representative Wills for closing comments on [HF 47](#). Representative Wills moved [HF 47](#). A record roll call was taken and [HF 47](#) passed, (12-10) (Nays: Lensing, Berry, Cohoon, Hunter, Kelley, Mascher, Prichard, Stutsman, T. Taylor, Winckler). [HF 47](#) moves to the floor of the house as an individual bill.

With no other business to come before the committee, Representative Watts moved to arise at 3:00 pm.

Representative Guy Vander Linden

Ashley Runge, Committee Secretary