

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for AGRICULTURE

Date: *February 9, 2016*

Location: *RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult*

Convened: *1:00 PM*

Adjourned: *1:35 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Hein-CH, Paustian-VC, Miller, H.-RM, Bearinger, Byrnes, Cownie, Deyoe, Dolecheck, Dunkel, Hanson, Holz, Kearns, Kelley, Klein, Maxwell, Mommsen, Moore, B., Ourth, Prichard, Ruff, Sexton, Stutsman, Wills

Absent:

Excused:

Chair Hein called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm and the clerk called roll. Quorum was present and the minutes stood approved.

The Chair assigned bills:

[HF 2038](#)-An Act requiring Iowa state university to develop a database of water quality measurements within watersheds.

Mommsen-Chair; Bearinger, Paustian

[HF 2176](#)-An Act relating to councils concerned with water quality, by providing for the appointment of members of the general assembly to serve on the water resources coordinating council and eliminating appointed members of the general assembly serving on the watershed planning advisory council.

Klein-Chair; Hanson, Moore, B.

[HF 2186](#)-An Act authorizing the department of agriculture and land stewardship's division of soil conservation and water quality to support privately sponsored innovative water quality practices.

Maxwell-Chair; Deyoe, Kearns

[HF 2187](#)-An Act requiring that state efforts to reduce nutrient loads in surface waters be customized based on a watershed's unique characteristics.

Wills-Chair, Klein, Prichard

[HSB 601](#)-An Act relating to water quality by providing funding for water quality financial assistance programs, extending the period of time for collecting sales tax for deposit in the secure an advanced vision for education fund, and modifying allocations of state sales and use tax revenue collections.

Hein-Chair, Cownie, Miller, H.

Chair Hein introduced the presenters from Heartland Hemp; Mike Lewis and Boris Shcharansky. They presented on the uses and production of industrial hemp. Following the presentation the Representatives asked questions.

Chair Hein recognized Representative Sexton for opening remarks on [HSB 561](#)-An Act providing for the administration of certain excise taxes imposed on the sale of cattle.

Representative Sexton moved the bill. Discussion followed. [HSB 561](#) passed the committee on votes of 22 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent, Representative Cownie.

With no other business to come before the committee, Representative Prichard moved to arise at 1:35 pm.

Representative Lee Hein

Benjamin Dirks, Committee Secretary