

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: January 29, 2008

Place: Room 19

Convened: 1/29/2008
10:05 AM

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Adjourned: 1/29/2008
11:30 AM

Present: Senators Danielson-CH, Appel-VC, Hahn-RM, Hartsuch, Stewart
Representatives Hunter-CH, Kelley-VC, Alons-RM, Drake, Gaskill, M., Jochum, Kressig,
Wiencek, Worthan

Absent: None

Excused: None

The Administration and Regulations Appropriations Subcommittee was called to order at 10:12am by Committee Chair Hunter.

Roll was called and quorum was present. Those members that were not present at the time of roll call were excused by Chair Hunter.

Thursday's meeting will be postponed due to the funeral for Senator Drake.

Department of Inspections and Appeals presentation by Director Dean Lerner.

Director Lerner, discussed two main points of concern; budget and regulation of health care facilities.

The Department of Revenue budget includes the addition of new FTEs in the following positions: Indian gaming regulation commission; administration hearings clerical; Investigations division, Medicaid Fraud unit including both an investigator and clerical; and the health facilities sector.

The committee posed no questions to the proposed budget for the Department of Inspection and Appeals.

Director Lerner proceeded to discuss the Regulation of Health Care Facilities in Iowa, regarding federal and state funding. Committee discussion of current laws regarding Class 1 and 2 violations and the respective fines and collection of fines for said violations, both federal and state. Director Lerner clarified a need for better funding transparency.

The Department of Revenue presentation by Director Schuling.

Director Schuling proposed a status quo budget to the committee. The budget necessary for this fiscal year is less than planned in the Governor's budget. There is a \$150,000 allotment in the Governor's budget that will revert.

Statistics from the Drug Task force were distributed per a request from the previous meeting.

Moved to adjourn at 11:26am by Senator Hartsuch.

Representative Bruce Hunter

Cari Sagar, Committee Secretary