COMMITTEE MINUTES for
HUMAN RESOURCES

Date: February 04, 2008 **Place:** Room 22

Convened: 2/4/2008 4:10 PM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 2/4/2008 4:50 PM

Present: Senators Ragan-CH, Schmitz-VC, Boettger, Bolkcom, Dotzler, Hartsuch, Hatch, Johnson, Kreiman, Mulder, Quirmbach, Wood

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Seymour-RM

Committee Chair Ragan called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. Senator Wood moved approval of previous meeting's minutes. Approved unanimously by Short Form.

Committee Chair Ragan recognized Senator Quirmbach for introduction of gubernatorial appointment Gloria Reber to the Commission of Elder Affairs. Senator Quirmbach recommended appointment of the candidate; appointment approved unanimously by Short Form and moves to the En Bloc Calendar.

Senator Wood was recognized next for introduction of gubernatorial appointment Sandra Ryan to the Commission of the Blind. Senator Wood recommended appointment of the candidate; appointment approved unanimously by Short Form and moves to the En Bloc Calendar.

Senator Dotzler was recognized next for introduction of gubernatorial introduction of gubernatorial appointments Ted Smith and Theresa Hegmann to the Board of Physicians' Assistants. Senator Dotzler recommended appointment of the candidates; appointment approved unanimously for each candidate by Short Form and each moved to the En Bloc Calendar.

Committee Chair Ragan recognized Senator Quirmbach for introduction of SF 2050. Senator Quirmbach distributed an amendment to SF 2050. The amendment was approved unanimously by Short Form after discussion. Discussion on the bill followed. Voting was done by roll call; the bill passed with Senator Johnson voting nay. The committee waives Rule 40 and the bill moves to the Calendar.

Committee Chair Ragan introduced Kristi Lohmeier and Beth Pearson of the Iowa Policy Project for a presentation on Cost of Living in Iowa. Ms. Lohmeier and Ms. Pearson distributed a report on the study and outlined the results of the report. Discussion followed.

Senator Dotzler moved to arise at 4:50 p.m.

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Senator Amanda Ragan

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Amanda Kimber, Committee Secretary