

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

Date: February 05, 2008

Place: Room 19

Convened: 2/5/2008
10:05 AM

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Adjourned: 2/5/2008
11:05 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 Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on February 5, 2008.

Roll was taken and quorum was present.

Iowa Utilities Board Chairman John Norris appeared before the subcommittee to present a status quo budget.

Chairman Norris highlighted the Board's Energy Efficiency Report requested by the legislature last year. Norris emphasized achieving an overall average of 2.13 dollar return per dollar invested. Chairman Norris said Investor-owned utilities have outperformed municipal and rural energy cooperatives.

Chairman Norris also made several recommendations. The first was to establish a baseline program to educate Iowans on energy efficiency. The second was to continue pursuing the construction of a energy-efficient building for handling state utilities. The projected cost is 10-12 million dollars, though Norris warned that merely leasing the current building costs approximately 6 million dollars every ten years.

While commenting on the Iowa Power Fund, Norris said a due-diligence committee is responsible for considering new opportunities for investment. One goal is to consider incentives for utilities finding ways to decrease electricity demands.

Representative Wiencek moved to adjourn at 11:05 a.m.

Senator Jeff Danielson

Joe Winn, Committee Secretary