# COMMITTEE MINUTES for
# EDUCATION

**Date:** February 06, 2008 **Place:** Room 22

**Convened:** 2/6/2008 1:05 PM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 2/6/2008 1:25 PM

**Present:** Senators Schoenjahn-CH, Appel-VC, Mulder-RM, Beall, Boettger, Connolly, Heckroth, Johnson, McKinley, Quirmbach, Schmitz, Wood, Zaun, Zieman

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** Senator Kreiman

Senator Schoenjahn called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M. Minutes were approved from the February 4th meeting with unanimous consent.

Senator Schoenjahn turned the chair over to Senator Appel for a meeting of the whole. Senator Appel recognized Senator Schoenjahn to take up SSB 3143, an act providing for the establishment of the state percent of growth for purposes of the state school foundation program, and providing an applicability date.

After a brief discussion, SSB 3143 passed unanimously as a committee bill on short form. Fourteen senators voting aye and Senator Kreiman excused.

Senator Appel turned the chair back to Senator Schoenjahn. In general committee discussion, Senator Johnson proposed sending a letter to the Governor from the committee requesting that membership on the State Board of Education have representation from all portions of Iowa. The chair directed Senator Johnson to compose a letter to be reviewed at the next meeting.

A brief discussion followed concerning the allowable growth formula and its impact on property taxes, especially in rural districts.

Senator Johnson moved to arise at 1:25 P.M.

_____

Senator Brian Schoenjahn

_____

Jodi Grover, Committee Secretary