

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for  
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Date:** February 12, 2008

**Place:** Room 305

**Convened:** 2/12/2008  
11:05 AM

**Recessed:**

**Reconvened:**

**Adjourned:** 2/12/2008  
12:00 PM

**Present:** Senators Seng-CH, Schoenjahn-VC, Black  
Representatives Kuhn-CH, Bailey-VC, De Boef-RM, Bell, Deyoe, Grassley, Mertz, Olson,  
D., Rasmussen

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** Senators Gaskill-RM, Houser

Sen. Seng called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

The minutes from the previous meeting, on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, were approved as distributed.

Sen. Seng introduced Mike Bevins, Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Grape and Wine Fund. Mr. Bevins gave a presentation on the wine industry in Iowa, discussing staffing, promotional and marketing needs. Mr. Bevins then fielded questions from the committee that focused on the Grape and Wine Fund's budgetary needs.

Sen. then introduced Ken Herring, Department of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund. Mr. Herring gave a presentation focusing on revenue sources for the fund, which he categorized into four broad categories: license fees, federal aid through excise taxes, transfer fees, and misc. He further discussed budget projections and the budgetary needs that the trust fund would encounter in the coming years. The floor was opened for questions, which dealt with sustainable funding of Natural Resources, the interim committee on this matter, and how it would benefit the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.

Rep. De Boef moved the committee arise.

The committee adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Senator Dr. Joe M. Seng

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Ben Humphrey, Committee Secretary