## COMMITTEE MINUTES for AGRICULTURE

**Date:** March 03, 2008 **Place:** Rm 102, Supreme Court Consult Rm

**Convened:** 3/3/2008 3:45 **Recessed: Reconvened: Adjourned:** 3/3/2008 4:30

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**Present:** Representatives Mertz-CH, Whitaker-VC, Drake-RM, Davitt, De Boef, Frevert, Gayman,

Greiner, Huseman, Kuhn, Miller, H., Olson, S., Rayhons, Reasoner, Reichert, Struyk, Swaim,

Wenthe, Worthan, Zirkelbach

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** Representative Dolecheck

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mertz.

Roll call was taken.

Chairperson Mertz called for discussion of the following Bills: HSB 702, HSB 716, HSB 724, AND HSB 725.

Representative Drake provided opening comments for HSB 716, an act relating to per diem compensation for directors of the Iowa Soybean Association Board. Representative Drake moved passage of HSB 716 which then passed the House Agriculture Committee on a vote of 20-0 with one absent. Chairperson Mertz announced that HSB 716, having received sufficient votes for passage would pass to the Floor of the House as a Committee Bill.

Representative Drake then provided opening comments for HSB 725, an act relating to the management of cooperative associations. Following Representative Drake's closing comments, HSB 725 passed the Committee on a vote of 20-0 with one absent. Chairperson Mertz indicated HSB 725 had received sufficient votes for passage and would pass to the Floor of the House as a Committee Bill.

Chairperson Mertz relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Whitaker.
Representative Whitaker then recognized Representative Mertz to provide opening comments for HSB 702 an act providing requirements for a nonresident of this state engaged in the aerial application of pesticides, making penalties applicable, and providing an effective date. Following discussion, Representative Wenthe presented Amendment .701 that came from the Subcommittee. Discussion on the Amendment followed which included the need to expand the Amendment to identify who will govern the loading facilities. Representative Wenthe moved the Amendment which carried on a Voice Vote. Representative Mertz then moved HSB 702 which passed the House Agriculture Committee 20-0 with one absent. Voice-Chair Whitaker announced that HSB 702 received sufficient votes for passage and would pass to the Floor of the House as a Committee Bill.

Vice-Chair Whitaker again recognized Representative Mertz for opening comments on HSB 724, an act providing monetary thresholds for actions by governing boards of drainage districts. Representative Rayhons, as a member of the Subcommittee, urged support of the Bill.

Following discussion, Representative Davitt asked for more specific information on the expenses that are currently being incurred. Representative Mertz indicated she would research the information and get back to him. Representative Mertz then provided closing comments and moved HSB 724 which passed the Committee 20-0 with one absent. Vice-Chair Whitaker announced HSB 724 received sufficient votes for passage and would pass to the Floor of the House as a Committee Bill.

Vice-Chair Whitaker then turned the Committee Chair back to Representative Mertz.

Chairperson Mertz called for and received unanimous consent to consider HF

2360. Representative Reichert provided opening remarks for HF 2360, an act relating to the biodiesel blended fuel tax credit for retail dealers and providing for retroactive applicability. Following discussion, Representative Reichert indicated that a fiscal note on HF 2360 was in the process of being created. Following Representative Reichert's closing remarks, he moved the Bill which passed 20-1 with one absent. Chairperson Mertz announced that HF 2360 received sufficient votes for passage and would pass to the Floor of the House as a Committee Bill.

As there was no additional business to come before the Committee, Representative Worthan moved to arise.

Representative Dolores Mertz	
Donna Downey, Committee Secretary	