COMMITTEE MINUTES for
STATE GOVERNMENT

Date: March 05, 2008 **Place:** Room 22

Convened: 3/5/2008 10:00 AM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 3/5/2008 11:20 AM

Present: Senators Connolly-CH, Horn-VC, Zieman-RM, Appel, Behn, Black, Danielson, Hahn, Hatch, Kettering, Kibbie, Schmitz, Wood

Absent: None

Excused: Senators Gaskill, McKibben

Senator Connolly called the meeting to order. Following roll call, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved as distributed. A list of bills and subcommittee assignments was handed out.

The chair was moved to Senator Horn who recognized Senator Connolly to take up SSB 3164, a study bill for an act relating to open records and public meetings and providing an effective date. Senators Connolly, Appel, Danielson, and Behn signed the subcommittee report recommending passage. Senator Gaskill did not sign. Senator Connolly offered an amendment (SSB 3164.702) to SSB 3164 and it was approved unanimously by the committee on short form vote. The bill was approved, as amended, on short form vote with ten Senators voting yes, two Senators voting present (Behn and Hahn) and three Senators excused. The bill was moved, as amended, to the Senate calendar as a committee bill under rule 40.

The chair was moved to Senator Connolly who recognized Senator Danielson to take up SF 2188, a bill for an act providing time off from work to attend presidential precinct caucuses and making penalties applicable. Senators Danielson and Kibbie signed the subcommittee report recommending passage. Senator Hahn did not sign the report. Senator Danielson offered an amendment (SF 2188.302) to SF 2188 and it was approved unanimously by the committee on short form vote. The bill was approved, as amended, on record vote with nine Senators (Connolly, Horn, Black, Danielson, Hatch, Kettering, Kibbie, Schmitz and Wood) voting yes, three Senators voting present (Zieman, Behn and Hahn), and three Senators (Appel, Gaskill and McKibben) excused. The bill was moved as amended to the Senate calendar as a committee bill under rule 40.

The chair recognized Senator Hatch to take up SSB 3117, a study bill for an act relating to the regulation of the practice of certified public accounting. Senators Hatch and Horn signed the subcommittee report recommending passage. Senator McKibben did not sign the report. Senator Hatch offered an amendment (SSB 3117.702) to SSB 3117 and it was approved unanimously by the committee on short form vote. The bill was approved unanimously, as amended, on short form vote. The bill was moved, as amended, to the Senate calendar as a committee bill under rule 40.

There being no further business, Senator Zieman moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

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Senator Michael Connolly

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Martha Connolly, Committee Secretary