COMMITTEE MINUTES for AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Date: March 12, 2008 **Place:** Room 305

Convened: 3/12/2008 Recessed: Reconvened: Adjourned: 3/12/2008

11:35 AM

Present: Senators Seng-CH, Schoenjahn-VC, Black, Houser

Representatives Kuhn-CH, Bailey-VC, De Boef-RM, Bell, Devoe, Grassley, Mertz, Olson,

12:05 PM

D., Rasmussen

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Gaskill-RM

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Representative Mark Kuhn called the meeting to order.

Attendance was taken and minutes approved.

Representative Kuhn started off by going through the budget bill TLSB5004JA. The budget had less money than last year with some funding areas having increased and decreased funding. \$40 Million was appropriated for Environmental First Fund. Odor Study money was to come out of the Environmental First Fund but after concerns came from the committee about the source of the study the budget no longer includes the odor study.

The committee did maintain a commitment to soil conservation and the veterinary Lab was fully funded with \$2 million and an additional \$1 million coming from the education bill. REAP funding was also increased.

Representative Kuhn went through an overview for the budget and stated changes from the previous budget bill.

Republicans had a caucus at 11:50 and returned at 12:00

Representative Kuhn called for amendments to bill TLSB5004JA.

Amendment 701 was brought to the attention of the committee on motor fuel inspection and was passed by a voice vote.

 ${\tt Bill\ TLSB5004JA}$ as amended was then brought to the table and the vote was taken.

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Senator Seng - Aye
Senator Schoenjahn - Aye
Senator Gaskill - Absent
Senator Black - Aye
Senator Houser - Nay
Aye - 3 Nay - 1
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Representative Kuhn - Aye
Representative Bailey - Aye
Representative De Boef - Nay
Representative Bell - Aye
Representative Deyoe - Nay
Representative Grassley - Nay
Representative Mertz - Aye Representative Rasmussen - Nay
Aye - 5 Nay - 4
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Bill TLSB5004JA passed as amended in both chambers and was sent to the House Appropriations Committee.

Representative Mertz moved to rise.

Representative Mark Kuhn
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Luke Kluesner Committee Secretary