COMMITTEE MINUTES for STATE GOVERNMENT

Date:	January 15, 2009		Place:	Room 22		
Convened:	1/15/2009 10:15 AM	Recessed:	Reconv	ened:	Adjourned:	1/15/2009 10:30 AM

- **Present:** Senators Appel-CH, Kibbie-VC, Feenstra-RM, Behn, Black, Courtney, Danielson, Dearden, Hartsuch, Hatch, Horn, Jochum, Seymour, Sodders, Wieck
- Absent: None
- Excused: None

Senator Appel called the meeting to order.

Following the role call Senator Appel gave opening remarks as follows:

Welcome to our first meeting of State Government. I am Staci Appel and I am the new Chair of the Committee. I look forward to working with every one of you. State Government committee is very busy and heavy committee. I will need everyone's help and cooperation to get our work done. I will ask all of you to work hard and to work together. This week we find ourselves at the beginning of a new session. It is a time where we can be of change and commit to work together to make a difference. We well all listen respectfully to our colleagues and acknowledge that everyone at this table has ideas. None of us have all the answers and in this time of budget concerns our committee will be at the forefront of creating and confronting solutions. Status quo leads to status quo and I look forward to a new direction out of Iowa's question throughout our time together. I hope you will ask yourself this question, "Where do I fit in this solution?".

Senator Kibbie gave opening remarks.

Senator Feenstra gave opening remarks.

Committee Rules were approved through a short form.

Audience introduced themselves and said who they represent.

Senator Danielson moves to arise.

Senator Staci Appel

Natalie Gilkison, Committee Secretary