

COMMITTEE MINUTES for TRANSPORTATION

Date: January 27, 2009

Place: Rm 103, Supreme Court Chamber

Convened: 1/27/2009
1:00 PM

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Adjourned: 1/27/2009
2:00 PM

Present: Representatives Quirk-CH, Kelley-VC, Tjepkes-RM, Abdul-Samad, Arnold, Bell, Cohoon, Gaskill, M., Hagenow, Huseman, Koester, Lykam, Marek, May, Olson, D., Roberts, Wagner, Wendt, Wenthe, Whitaker, Worthan

Absent: None

Excused: None

Chairperson Rep. Brian Quirk called the meeting to order.

Ch. Quirk then requested the members view the previous meeting minutes and approve them if there were no errors.

Rep. Bell moved to approve them and was seconded by Rep. Wenthe. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

There was no scheduled bill action for this committee meeting slated, so Ch. Quirk introduced the meeting's speakers.

First, Brenda Mainwaring representing Union Pacific Railways spoke about their railway tracks, infrastructure and operations in Iowa and around the nation.

Second, Tami Nicholson, Director of IDOT's Office of Rail, spoke on Iowa's overall rail system, focusing on passenger rail. She brought in another speaker from the Environmental, Law and Policy Center(ELPC), based in Chicago. Kevin Brubaker, Project Manager for ELPC's Midwest High-Speed Rail Network Project, impressed how Illinois is working in conjunction with Iowa on improving and expanding the Iowa to Illinois corridor of rail.

The last presenter, Jerry Schnepf representing the Spalding Transportation Museum, talked to the members about the benefits of the museum in Grinnell for Iowa.

After each presentation, various members responded with questions.

There was no further business before the committee and Rep. Wagner moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

Representative Brian Quirk

Christina Butts, Committee Secretary