

COMMITTEE MINUTES for STATE GOVERNMENT

Date: February 25, 2009

Place: Room 22

Convened: 2/25/2009
1:05 PM

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Adjourned: 2/25/2009
2:10 PM

Present: Senators Appel-CH, Kibbie-VC, Feenstra-RM, Behn, Black, Courtney, Danielson, Dearden, Hartsuch, Hatch, Horn, Jochum, Seymour, Sodders, Wieck

Absent: None

Excused: None

The meeting of the State Government Committee convened at 1:05PM. Roll call was taken as members arrived. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The appointment of Terry Rich as the Chief Executive Officer of the Iowa Lottery Authority was brought before the committee. The sub-committee consisting of Senators Horn, Black and Seymour recommended passage of the appointment, which was accomplished by short form and passed to the floor for individual vote.

Senate File 115 was brought to the committee by sub-committee chair Senator Jochum. The committee recommended passage with amendments for the licensure of recreational therapists. Amendment #504 was introduced.

Republicans requested and were approved to caucus, and were in their meeting from 1:12PM to 1:24PM.

Amendment #504 to Senate File 115 passed on short form. After brief discussion, SF 115 passed on short form with Senator Hartsuch voting 'no'. The bill passes to the floor as a committee bill, Rule of 40 applies.

Senator Appel yielded chair of the committee to Senator Kibbie, and presented the bill Senate File 181, campaign finance. She presented amendment #701, which passed on short form unanimously. SF 181 was passed on short form with Senators Wieck, Behn, Feenstra, Hartsuch and Seymour voting 'no.' SF 181 passes to the floor as a committee bill, Rule of 40 applies. Senator Kibbie yielded chair of the committee to Senator Appel.

Senate Study Bill 1242, addressing the inspection of USDA licensed dog and cat kennels, was presented by sub-committee chair Senator Jochum. After discussion, the bill was passed on short form, with Senators Wieck, Behn, Feenstra and Behn voting 'no.' SSB 1242 passes to the floor as a committee bill.

Senate Study Bill 1123 was presented by sub-committee chair Senator Sodders. Amendment 501 was passed by short form. Following discussion of ballot wording and early voting, SSB 1123 was passed on short form unanimously and passed to the Senator floor as a committee bill with Rule of 40.

Senate Study Bill 1238 was deferred for consideration until February 26 by sub-committee chair Senator Danielson.

Senate Study Bill 1231, public records and open meetings, was presented by Senator Jochum, with a recommendation for passage. A companion bill is being considered by the House. Amendment 201 was passed by short form. SSB 1231 was passed by short form, with 'no' votes by Senators Wieck, Behn, Feenstra, Hartsuch and Seymour. SSB 1231 passes to the floor as a committee bill, Rule of 40 applies.

Senate Study Bill 1166 deferred retirement option plan, was presented by Senator Sodders with a recommendation for passage. Amendments 201 and 501 passed on short form. SSB 116 passed the committee on a short form, and passes to the floor as a committee bill under the Rule of 40.

The State Government Committee arose at 2:10PM.

Senator Staci Appel

Joanne Walton, Committee Secretary