COMMITTEE MINUTES for
STATE GOVERNMENT

Date: March 12, 2009 **Place:** Room 22

Convened: 3/12/2009 10:15 AM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 3/12/2009 11:00 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

The meeting of the State Government committee was convened at 10:15AM. Roll was taken as members arrived. Minutes were approved.

Republicans and Democrats each immediately caucused, and the meeting was reconvened at 10:30.

Bills brought to the committee are as follows:

SF 77 led by Senator Courtney and committee of Senators Jochum and Behn, with Senator Behn not signing. The bill establishes a multiple sclerosis support fund and authorizing lottery games to benefit person with multiple sclerosis. The bill passed on short form, and passed to the floor of the Senate as a committee bill.

SF 103 led by Senator Sodders and committee of Senators Dearden and Hartsuch with all three Senators signing. The bill states and act requiring external defibrillators in all physical exercise clubs. Amendment 201 was introduced and passed on short form. The bill as amended was passed on short form with Senator Behn voting ?no? and passed to the floor of the Senate as a committee bill under the Rule of 40.

SSB 1290 led by Senator Black and committee of Senators Dearden and Feenstra and signed by all. The study bill concerns limitations on employment of persons employed by a wine permittee engaged in manufacturing and wholesaling native wine. The study bill was approved on short form, and passed to the floor of the Senate as a committee bill.

SF 125 led by Senator Dearden and committee of Senators Black and Behn, with Senator Behn not signing. The bill provides for time off work to attend presidential caucuses and passed on short form with Senators Feenstra, Wieck, Behn, Seymour and Hartsuch voting ?no.? The bill passes to the floor of the Senate as a committee bill.

SF 303 led by Senator Sodders and committee of Senators Jochum and Behn, with Senator Behn not signing. The bill relates to permissible prizes for use of an electrical and mechanical amusement device. The bill passed on short form with Senators Behn, Black, Courtney, Hartsuch, and Wieck voting ?no.? The bill passed to the floor of the Senate as a committee bill.

Senator Appel requested that rules be suspended and passed the chair to Senator Kibbie. Senator Kibbie requested that we go to a sub-committee of whole. Senator Appel introduced SSB 1304, a bill to reorganize the Department of Human Rights. Discussion of the bill was led by Senator Appel, with committee members stating that it needed more vetting. The bill passed out of sub-committee as a whole without recommendation and with the request that an open meeting be held to allow interested parties to ask questions and express views. The sub-committee as a whole dissolved and the full State Government committee voted on short form that the study bill be passed to the floor of the Senate without recommendation as a committee bill.

Senator Kibbie yielded the chair to Senator Appel, who reminded members that they were on call for the rest of the day.

Senator Danielson recommended that the committee arise at 11AM.

Senator Staci Appel

Joanne Walton, Committee Secretary