## COMMITTEE MINUTES for STATE GOVERNMENT

**Date:** March 25, 2009 **Place:** Room 22

Convened: 3/25/2009 Recessed: Reconvened: Adjourned: 3/25/2009

1:10 PM 1:55 PM

Present: Senators Appel-CH, Kibbie-VC, Feenstra-RM, Behn, Black, Courtney, Danielson, Dearden,

Hartsuch, Hatch, Horn, Jochum, Sodders, Wieck

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** Senator Seymour

The meeting of the State Government committee convened at 1:10. Roll was taken as members arrived. Minutes were approved.

Nominations for appointments were presented. Senator Appel passed the chair to Senator Kibbie. Senator Appel was recognized to present the nomination for appointment for Ray Walton for Director of the Department of Administrative Services. The nomination passed on short form and was placed on the individual block for Senate confirmation.

Senator Kibbie passed the chair back to Senator Appel.

Senator Appel recognized Senator Kibbie for nominations for appointments. The following passed on short form and were placed for en bloc confirmation:

Vicky Boyington-Accountancy Examining Board
Telford Lodden-Accountancy Examining Board
Tommy Thompson-Accountancy Examining Board
Raymond Walton-Director of the Department of Administrative Services
A?Lisa Walker-Commission on the Status of African-Americans
James Clayton-Alcoholic Beverages Commission
Bruce Bassler-Architectural Examining Board
Martha Green-Architectural Examining Board
Tammy Ortiz-Board of Barbering
Rhonda Reif-Board of Barbering
Steven Hagemoser-Commission for the Blind

The committee stood at ease for a Republicans caucus. The committee re-convened and took up the following bills.

HF 450 with sub-committee Senators Jochum, Behn, and Black was presented. The bill relates to time of opening of the polls for certain city elections. It passed on short form with Senator Horn voting no and moves to the floor of the Senate as a House File.

HF 707 with sub-committee Senators Courtney, Danielson, and Seymour presented a bill relating to eligible beneficiaries for a line of duty death benefit under the statewide fire and police retirement system and providing an effective date. The bill passed on short form and moves to the floor of the Senate as a House File.

HF 670 with sub-committee Senators Dearden, Black, and Wieck presented the bill relating to absentee voting by requiring the counting of absentee ballots to begin the day before the general election. The bill passed on short form to the floor of the Senate as a House File.

Senator Courtney moved that the meeting arise at 1:55PM.

Joanne Walton, Committee Secretary