

Date:	March 25, 2009	Place:	Rm 102, Supreme Court Consult Rm		
Convened:	3/25/2009 2:10 PM	Recessed:	Reconvened:	Adjourned:	3/25/2009 3:00 PM
Present:	Representatives Mertz-CH, Marek-VC, Drake-RM, Bailey, Beard, Bell, Bukta, De Boef, Dolecheck, Frevert, Gayman, Huseman, Miller, H., Olson, S., Rayhons, Reasoner, Struyk, Sweeney, Wenthe, Worthan, Zirkelbach				
Absent:	None				
Excused:	None				

CORRECTED VERSION

Chair Mertz called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Chair Mertz called for corrections, amendments, and/or deletions to the previous minutes. As there were none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

The following bill was assigned to subcommittee:
SF 404 - Chair Drake; Beard and Bukta

SF 405:
Chair Mertz asked for and received unanimous consent to suspend the rules to discuss SF 405 in committee.

Representative Struyk was recognized and introduced SF 405. Discussion followed. Following closing remarks, Representative Struyk moved SF 405. A record roll call was taken and SF 405 passed unanimously, 21-0, and will now move to the floor as a Senate bill.

SF 404:
Chair Mertz asked for and received unanimous consent to go into subcommittee as a whole to discuss SF 404. Representative Drake introduced SF 404. Discussion followed.

Chair Mertz received unanimous consent for Susan Fenton with the Department of Agriculture to answer questions from the committee members.

Representative Drake offered closing remarks and moved the bill. Voice vote passed SF 404 in subcommittee as a whole.

Chair Mertz asked for unanimous consent to dissolve the subcommittee as a whole and announced that they would return to committee as a whole.

Representative Drake then offered closing remarks and moved SF 404 in committee. Discussion followed.

Chair Mertz asked for and received unanimous consent for Judy Hoffman with Farmers Union to answer questions from the committee members.

At 2:39, the Republicans went to caucus.

At 2:48, the meeting reconvened.

Representative Drake then offered closing remarks and moved the bill. A record roll call was taken and SF 404 passed 15-6 and will now move to the floor as a Senate bill. VOTE: 15 Ayes - Mertz, Marek, Drake, Bailey, Beard, Bell, Bukta, De Boef, Frevert, Gayman, Huseman, Miller, Reasoner, Wenthe, and Zirkelbach and 6 Nays - Dolecheck, Olson, Rayhons, Struyk, Sweeney, and Worthan

Chair Mertz, Vice-Chair Marek, and Ranking Member Drake thanked the committee members and staff for their input, participation, and cooperation during the 2009 Session on the Agriculture Committee.

As there was no additional business to come before the committee, Representative Bell moved to arise.

Representative Dolores M. Mertz

Donna Downey, Committee Secretary