COMMITTEE MINUTES for STATE GOVERNMENT

Date:	January 19, 2010		Place: Room 22		
Convened:	1/19/2010 2:05 PM	Recessed:	1/19/2010 2:10 PM	Reconvened: 1/19/2010 2:20 PM	Adjourned: 1/19/2010 2:45 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 State Government committee convened at 2:05PM. Attendance was taken with all Senators present. Minutes from the last meeting were approved with a motion by Senator Danielson and a second by Senator Sodders.

The committee recessed at 2:10PM for caucuses by the Republicans and Democrats. The re-convened at 2:20PM. Chair Senator Appel turned the meeting over to Senator Kibbie for consideration of SSB 3002. Senator Kibbie turned the meeting back to Senator Appel, floor manager of the bill, who stated that the sub-committee consisting of Senators Appel, Dearden and Behn, recommended passage, with Senator Behn voting 'no.'

The bill pertains to early retirement of state employees, specifying which employees were eligible, and issues regarding vacation, cash bonuses and health insurance.

Amendment 118 was introduced regarding technical wording to the bill; discussion was held with questions and answers. Senator Appel called for a short form vote, and the amendment passed with Senators Behn, Hartsuch, Wieck, Feenstra and Seymour requesting to be recorded as a 'no.'

Amendment 114 was introduced regarding technical wording for vacation time. Senator Appel called for a short form vote, and the amendment passed by unanimous vote.

Further discussion was held, Senator Appel summarized the bill, and moved that SSB proceed to consideration by the Senate as amended under Rule 40. The bill passed 10 to 5.

Senator Kibbie returned the chair back to Senator Appel.

Senator Horn presented SSB 3006, regarding ethics regulations. The sub-committee, of which he is chair and member Senators Courtney and Seymour recommended passage with all three members signing.

Amendment 49 was introduced, brief discussion was held, and the amendment passed unanimously on short form.

After a brief discussion, SSB 3006, as amended, passed the committee on short form vote, and will proceed to the floor under the Rule of 40.

Senator Black moved that the committee arise, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM.

Senator Staci Appel

Joanne Walton, Committee Secretary