

## COMMITTEE MINUTES for AGRICULTURE

**Date:** February 03, 2010

**Place:** Rm 102, Supreme Court Consult Rm

**Convened:** 2/3/2010 1:10 PM  
**Recessed:**

**Reconvened:**

**Adjourned:** 2/3/2010 1:40 PM

**Present:** Representatives Mertz-CH, Marek-VC, Drake-RM, Bailey, Beard, Bell, Bukta, De Boef, Dolecheck, Gayman, Huseman, Miller, H., Olson, S., Rayhons, Reasoner, Shomshor, Struyk, Sweeney, Wenthe, Worthan, Zirkelbach

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** None

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 bills were assigned to subcommittee:

HSB 685 - Reasoner, Chair; S. Olson; and Wenthe  
HF 2217 - Merrz, Chair; Bailey; and Rayhons  
HF 2206 - Mertz, Chair; Bailey; and Rayhons  
HSB 690 - Reasoner, Chair; Drake; and Wenthe  
HSB 688 - Wenthe, Chair; Reasoner; and Wortham  
HSB 696(LSB 6110HC) - Wenthe, Chair; Mertz; and DeBoef

The following bills were discussed in committee:

1) SF 404 - Chair Mertz recognized Representative Drake for introduction of SF 404, an act establishing a local food and farm task force, providing for a local food and farm plan, and providing for an effective date. Representative Drake presented Amendment 519 to SF 404. Following discussion, voice vote passed Amendment 519.

Chair Mertz recognized Representative Drake for closing comments on SF 404 as amended. Following discussion, Representative Drake moved SF 404 as amended. A record roll call was taken and SF 404 as amended will now move to the floor as a committee bill, 19-2.

2) HF 558 - Chair Mertz recognized Representative Wenthe for introduction of HF 558, an act providing for the taking of crops on land classified as a farm tenancy. Representative Wenthe presented Amendment 459 to HF 558. Following discussion, voice vote passed Amendment 459.

Chair Mertz again recognized Representative Wenthe for closing comments on HF 558 as amended. Following discussion, Representative Wenthe moved HF 558 as amended. A record roll call was taken and HF 558 as amended will now move to the floor as a committee bill, 21-0.

Representative Rayhons asked to inform the committee about the City of Lake Mills project harnessing energy from the methane gases in the landfill which now generates enough power to service 7,000 homes in Lake Mills and will soon provide power to the greenhouse where organic vegetables will be grown.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, Representative Sweeney moved to arise.

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Donna Downey, Committee Secretary