

COMMITTEE MINUTES for AGRICULTURE

Date: February 09, 2010

Place: Rm 102, Supreme Court Consult Rm

Convened: 2/9/2010
10:45 AM

Recessed:

Reconvened:

Adjourned: 2/9/2010
11:40 AM

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.

At 10:44 am, the Republicans and Democrats went to caucus.
At 11:03 am, the meeting reconvened.

Bill assignments...

The following bill was assigned to subcommittee:

HF 2309 - S. Olson, Chair; Gayman and Marek

Bill discussions...

HF 2324 - Chair Mertz recognized Representative Zirkelbach for introduction of HF 2324, an act relating to confinement feeding operations, by providing for common ownership and management of the operations and the application of manure originating from operations on snow covered or frozen ground, and including effective date provisions. Following presentation, Chair Mertz recognized Representative Zirkelbach for closing comments on HF 2324. Representative Zirkelbach then moved HF 2324, a record roll call was taken, and HF 2324 passed moving the bill to the floor of the House as an individually sponsored bill, 21-0.

HSB 688 - Chair Mertz recognized Representative Wenthe for introduction of HSB 688, an act concerning weight limits for vehicles carrying grain fertilizer, or agricultural chemicals on non-interstate highways. Representative Wenthe presented Amendment 780 to HSB 688. Following discussion, voice vote passed Amendment 780.

Chair Mertz then recognized Representative Wenthe for closing comments on HSB 688 as amended. A record roll call was taken and HSB 688 as amended will now move to the floor of the House as a committee bill.

HF 2273 - Chair Mertz turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Marek who recognized Representative Mertz for presentation and opening remarks on HF 2273, an act relating to drainage districts, by modifying the amount of a bid security required to be submitted by bidders proposing to make improvements and modifying the threshold amount requiring the letting of bids to construct an improvement, and including effective date provisions. Following discussion, Vice-Chair Marek recognized Representative Mertz for closing comments on HF 2273. Representative Mertz moved HF 2273, a record roll call was taken, and HF 2273 will now move to the floor of the House as an individually sponsored bill, 21-0.

HF 2206 - Vice-Chair Marek again recognized Representative Mertz for opening remarks on HF 2206, an act relating to agricultural drainage wells, by extending the date for complying with certain requirements, and including effective date provisions. Representative Mertz presented and moved Amendment 464 to HF 2206. Following discussion, a voice vote passed Amendment 464.

Chair Marek then recognized Representative Mertz for closing comments on HF 2206 as amended. During discussion, Vice-Chair Marek asked for an received unanimous consent for Dean Lemke with the Iowa Department of Agriculture to respond to questions. Following discussion, Representative Mertz moved HF 2206 as amended. A record roll call was taken and HF 2206 as amended will now move to the floor of the House as an individually sponsored bill, 20-0 with 1 absent.

Representative Marek then turned the meeting back over to Chair Mertz for continuation.

As there was no additional business to come before the Committee, Representative Wenthe moved to arise.

Representative Dolores M. Mertz

Donna Downey, Committee Secretary