

<b>Date:</b>	February 24, 2010	<b>Place:</b>	Rm 102, Supreme Court Consult Rm	
<b>Convened:</b>	2/24/2010 2:15 PM	<b>Recessed:</b>	<b>Reconvened:</b>	<b>Adjourned:</b> 2/24/2010 3:00 PM
<b>Present:</b>	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			
<b>Absent:</b>	None			
<b>Excused:</b>	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 2/09/10 minutes. As there were none, the minutes were approved as distributed.

Bill assignment...

The following bill was assigned to subcommittee:  
HF 2493 - A bill for an act concerning live dog racing at pair-mutual dog racetrack, and including effective date provisions - Zirkelbach, Chair; Drake and Wenthe

Guest speakers...

1) Chair Mertz recognized Brenda Neville, President, Iowa Motor Truck Association, who discussed opposition to Iowa House's consideration of mandating the use of biodiesel. Neville explained the 2 Million Mile Haul biodiesel test and that Decker Truck Line's involvement was intended to make an objective determination of the performance of biodiesel and not as an endorsement of any type. Furthermore, she stated that a mandate would force trucking companies to move fuel purchases out of the state as the test proved that fueling with biodiesel vs. petroleum diesel would cost approximately \$1.26 more per gallon.

Neville introduced Steve Lursen, Special Project Manager, for the 2 Million Mile Haul test who provided additional information and statistics in regard to the study. Lursen answered questions from committee members.

2) Chair Mertz then introduced John Whitaker, State Executive Director, with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and formerly a state representative and member of the House Agriculture Committee. Whitaker provided handouts and advised the members of the various programs with related statistics offered through the USDA and FSA. Whitaker also fielded questions prior to being thanked by Chair Mertz for his participation.

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

Representative Dolores M. Mertz

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Donna Downey, Committee Secretary