COMMITTEE MINUTES for
ETHICS

Date: March 23, 2010 **Place:** Rm 103, Supreme Court Chamber

Convened: 3/23/2010 12:10 PM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 3/23/2010 12:25 PM

Present: Representatives Miller, H.-CH, Olson, T.-VC, Pettengill-RM, Palmer, Raecker, Tymeson

Absent: None

Excused: None

Representative Miller called the meeting to order.

The clerk called the roll, and there was a quorum was present.

The Ethics Committee meeting was called to order. Rep. Miller informed committee members that the purpose of the meeting was to address the issue contained in a letter from Reps. McCarthy and Paulson. The committee was asked to address the issue of "the manner in which elected legislators may vote on bills or amendments" from the floor.

Representative Pettengill was recognized and stated that this was a matter for the House Rules Committee. She added that the House Ethics Committee should address issue during the next session.

Representative Tymeson was recognized stating that SR58, which gives clarity on who can use the voting mechanism. She added the issue of undue pressure on legislators by other legislators on the floor and in committee meetings be looked into.

Representative Palmer was recognized and urged the committee to focus on the issue of the manner of voting, and make a recommendation.

Representative Olson recommended that we advise House leadership to request that the Administration and Rules Committee adopt language similar to SR58 "only members may operate the electronic voting machine".

Representative Olson recommended that House leadership ask the Rules and Administration committee to adopt language similar to Senate Rule 58 stating "only members may operate the electronic voting machine".

Representative Raecker motioned that the letter be drafted to leadership as stated previously. There was a voice vote, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Representative Helen Miller

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Brooke Miller, Committee Secretary