

COMMITTEE MINUTES for NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

Date: January 25, 2011

Place: Room 24

Convened: 1/25/2011
2:00 PM

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Adjourned: 1/25/2011
2:55 PM

Present: Senators Dearden-CH, Black-VC, Hahn-RM, Behn, Bolkcom, Hamerlinck, Hancock, Hogg, Ragan, Schoenjahn, Seng, Sorenson

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Kapucian

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Dearden. Attendance was taken. 12 present 1 excused. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Bills were assigned and distributed.

With Vice Chairman Senator Black in the chair, Senator Dearden submitted the Do Pass Subcommittee Report on SF 7. There were no questions. Senator Dearden moved the bill pass out of committee. Short Form 12 Ayes 1 Excused (Kapucian)

Once again in the chair Senator Dearden called on Kent Sovern Executive Director of Iowa Parks Foundation for a presentation on the Foundation. A CD and hand-out was distributed to each Senator. He gave a run down on the conditions at parks in Iowa and told of their plans for the future.

Kevin Szcodronski DNR State Parks Chief followed with a report on Iowa State Parks. His budget is unsustainable. It is only with volunteer assistance that they are able to stay open. That is their goal. Keeping all the parks open as the attendance has been on the rise the last few years probably due to the economy and more reasonable entertainment for families.

Senator Dearden thanked our guests for their presentations.

Seeing no further business Senator Hancock moved we arise.

Senator Dick L. Dearden

Joanne Wengert, Committee Secretary