

COMMITTEE MINUTES for NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

Date: February 10, 2011

Place: Room 24

Convened: 2/10/2011
2:00 PM

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Adjourned: 2/10/2011
2:50 PM

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

Absent: None

Excused: Senators Behn, Hamerlinck

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Dick Dearden. Attendance was taken. 11 present 2 excused (Behn and Hamerlinck) Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Mark Langgin, Executive Director of Iowa's Water and Land Legacy was called on to give a presentation to the Committee. Tim Palmer, President of Conservation Districts of Iowa and Matt O'Connor with Pheasants Forever assisted in the presentation.

They were very pleased to report that Iowa's Water and Land Legacy Amendment passed overwhelmingly with 63% of the total vote. Clean water, natural resources and outdoor recreation, restoring wetlands and supporting the Iowa farmer over came the risk of changing the state's Constitution.

Low Pheasant population was discussed. More wetlands and habitat for wild life survival. Soil conservation with the help of Iowa farmers. Much work is to be done. Questions were asked by the committee members.

Senator Dearden thanked the men for coming before the Committee. Seeing no further business he accepted a motion to arise from Senator Kapucian.

Senator Dick L. Dearden

Joanne Wengert, Committee Secretary