

COMMITTEE MINUTES for STATE GOVERNMENT

Date: February 28, 2011

Place: Rm 103, Supreme Court Chamber

Convened: 2/28/2011
5:05 PM

Recessed:

Reconvened:

Adjourned: 2/28/2011
6:30 PM

Present: Representatives Cownie-CH, Vander Linden-VC, Lensing-RM, Drake, Gaskill, Hein, Helland, Hunter, Isenhardt, Iverson, Jorgensen, Kajtazovic, Kaufmann, Koester, Mascher, Massie, Pettengill, Quirk, Raecker, Rogers, Schulte, Taylor, T., Wenthe

Absent: None

Excused: None

The State Government Committee was called to order by Chair Cownie. Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

The minutes of the February 24th meeting were approved as printed.

Chair Cownie gave opening remarks and announced the following bill assignments:

HSB 168 - Schulte/Chair: Massie, Taylor T.
HSB 169 - Iverson/Chair: Hein, Wenthe
HSB 170 - Iverson/Chair: Drake, Gaskill
HSB 187 - Iverson/Chair: Schulte, Lensing
(was distributed in committee)

Chair Cownie announced the order of today's bills and both parties went to caucus at 5:09 p.m.

HSB 100 - State Auditor's bill -Rogers/Chair
HSB 141 - Investment of funds - Iverson/Chair
HF 316 - Returning absentee ballots - Iverson/Chair
HSB 106 - Collective bargaining - Schulte/Chair

The Committee reconvened at 5:48 p.m.

Representative Rogers was recognized to take up HSB 100: A study bill concerning the duties and responsibilities of the auditor of state. Rogers gave opening remarks, and asked permission to take up amendment .788. Discussion followed and with closing remarks moved HSB 100 as amended as a committee bill on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 23 ayes.

Representative Iverson was recognized to take up HSB 141: A study bill concerning investment of certain public funds in companies doing business in Iran by the treasurer of state, public retirement systems in Iowa, and the state board of regents. Iverson gave opening remarks, discussion followed and with closing remarks moved HSB 141 as a committee bill on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 23 ayes.

Representative Iverson was recognized to take up HF 316: A bill for an act relating to a voter's designee for purposes of returning absentee ballots. Iverson gave opening remarks and committee members voiced concerns. Iverson gave closing remarks and moved HF 316 as a committee bill on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 15 ayes, 8 nays.

Ayes: Representative Cownie, Vander Linden, Drake, Hein, Helland, Iverson, Jorgensen, Kaufmann, Koester, Massie, Pettengill, Quirk, Raecker, Rogers, and Schulte.

Nays: Representative Lensing, Gaskill, Hunter, Isenhardt, Kajtazovic, Mascher, Taylor T., and Wenthe.

Representative Schulte was recognized to take up HSB 106: A study bill for an act excluding certain employees of the secretary of state from the public from the public employee collective bargaining law. Schulte gave opening remarks and committee members voiced concerns.

Doug Struyk, Secretary of State's Office was recognized to answer committee questions.

After a lengthy discussion, Chair Cownie recognized Representative Schulte for closing remarks and moved HSB 106 as a committee bill on a roll call vote.

Motion carried with 14 ayes, 9 nays.

Ayes: Representative Cownie, Vander Linden, Drake, Hein, Helland, Iverson, Jorgensen, Kaufmann, Koester, Massie, Pettengill, Raecker, Rogers, and Schulte.

Nays: Representative Lensing, Gaskill, Hunter, Isenhardt, Kajtazovic, Mascher, Quirk, Taylor T., and Wenthe.

Chair Cownie announced sub-committee meetings would not meet when the House is in session

With no further business Chair Cownie moved to adjourn.

The Committee adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Representative Peter Cownie

Marlene Martens, Committee Secretary