

## COMMITTEE MINUTES for STATE GOVERNMENT

**Date:** January 18, 2012

**Place:** Room 103

**Convened:** 1/18/2012  
3:05 PM

**Recessed:**

**Reconvened:**

**Adjourned:** 1/18/2012  
3:55 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.

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** Representative Wenthe

The State Government Committee was called to order by Chair Cownie at 3:05 p.m.

Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Chair Cownie asked for any revisions to the minutes of the January 12th meeting. Hearing none, Chair Cownie moved to approve the minutes and the motion was unanimously carried.

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

HSB 507 - Rogers/CH: Kaufmann and Lensing

Chair Cownie recognized and introduced Ruth Cooperrider, Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, for her presentation on Public Records and Open Meetings. Discussion followed and committee members voiced concerns.

Chair Cownie recognized and introduced Eric Tabor, Chief of Staff, Iowa Attorney General's Office for his presentation on Open Meetings and Public Records Activities. Discussion followed.

Chair Cownie recognized and introduced Bill Monroe, Volunteer Advisor to Branstad for his presentation on Sunshine/Openness. Discussion followed.

With no further business Chair Cownie moved to adjourn, seconded by Representative Pettengill.

The Committee adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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Representative Peter Cownie

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Marlene Martens, Committee Secretary