COMMITTEE MINUTES for AGRICULTURE

Date: February 02, 2012 **Place:** Room 116

Convened: 2/2/2012 12:05 PM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 2/2/2012 12:55 PM

Present: Senators Seng-CH, Fraise-VC, Bowman, Courtney, Greiner, Hahn, Hancock, Houser, Kibbie, Rielly

Absent: None

Excused: Senators Johnson-RM, Black, Kapucian

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by Chairman Seng. Roll call was taken with all members present except Senators Johnson, Black and Kapucian who were excused. Minutes from the meeting of 1/25/12 were approved as published.

The Chairman introduced Kirk Leeds, CEO, Iowa Soybean Association and Craig Floss, CEO, Iowa Corn Growers Association who came to present the framework of the AgriScope 2030 project. This is a team effort of their two organizations and the Iowa Pork Producers Association, representing a cross section of Iowa agriculture involved in the development of this plan. They articulated the challenges faced in increasing the size and scope of Iowa agriculture while maintaining and protecting our agricultural strengths. Their plan presents recommendations for future goals encompassing all aspects of Iowa's agricultural economy.

After a brief question and answer session, Senator Bowman moved to arise at 12:55 PM.

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Senator Dr. Joe M. Seng

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Angie DePaepe, Committee Secretary