

COMMITTEE MINUTES for STATE GOVERNMENT

Date: February 14, 2012

Place: Room 103

Convened: 2/14/2012
1:05 PM

Recessed:

Reconvened:

Adjourned: 2/14/2012
1:40 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 at 1:05 p.m.

Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Chair Cownie asked for any revisions to the minutes of the February 9th meeting. Hearing none, Chair Cownie moved to approve the minutes as printed.

Chair Cownie gave opening remarks and announced the following (2) bill assignments:

HSB 626 - Cownie/Chair: Iverson and Wenthe
HSB 627 - Hein/Chair: Jorgensen and Kajtazovic

Chair Cownie recognized Representative Schulte for opening remarks on HSB 587. A study bill relating to elections and voter registration, including technical administration of the law by making modifications to certain filing deadlines, preservation of certain records, special elections to fill certain vacancies in office, absentee voting, voting systems, and ballot summaries. The subcommittee report was submitted and signed by Rep. Schulte, Gaskill and Jorgensen. Rep. Schulte gave opening remarks, discussion followed and with closing remarks moved HSB 587. Chair Cownie moved HSB 587, as a committee bill to the calendar on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 23 ayes.

Chair Cownie recognized Representative Schulte for opening remarks on HSB 581. A study bill for requiring that absentee ballot return envelopes be conspicuously marked with county commissioner of elections receipt and postmark requirements. The subcommittee report was submitted and signed by Rep. Schulte, Jorgensen and Wenthe. Rep. Schulte gave opening remarks followed by discussion.

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

Rep. Schulte gave closing remarks and moved HSB 581. Chair Cownie moved HSB 581, as a committee bill to the calendar on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 22 ayes, 1 nay (Rep. Hunter was the nay vote).

Representative Jorgensen was recognized to take up HF 2067. A bill for an act relating to the transmission and recording of certain death certificates. The subcommittee report was submitted and signed by Rep. Jorgensen, Hein and Lensing. Rep. Jorgensen gave opening comments followed by discussion and with closing remarks moved HF 2067. Chair Cownie moved HF 2067, as a committee bill to the calendar on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 23 ayes.

Chair Cownie recognized Rep. Lensing. An update was given on funnel week and bills pending.

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Cownie moved for adjournment. Representative Jorgensen seconded the motion.

The Committee adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Representative Peter Cownie

Marlene Martens, Committee Secretary