

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
AGRICULTURE**

Date: February 15, 2012

Place: Room 22

Convened: 2/15/2012
1:00 PM

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Adjourned: 2/15/2012
2:00 PM

Present: Representatives Sweeney-CH, Hein-VC, Miller, H.-RM, Alons, Baudler, De Boef, Deyoe, Dolecheck, Drake, Hanson, Huseman, Isenhardt, Kelley, Moore, Muhlbauer, Olson, S., Paustian, Quirk, Rasmussen, Shaw, Swaim, Thomas, Wenthe

Absent: None

Excused: None

The joint meeting was called to order by Senator Seng. Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Senate minutes from the meeting of 02/09/12 were approved as distributed.

Senator Seng recognized Representative Sweeney to introduce guest speaker, Trent Loos. Mr. Loos is a farmer/rancher, advocate for agriculture, author, radio show host, and columnist. He spoke on healthy living and understanding agriculture by dispelling myths about food production and content. He closed his presentation with a brief question and answer period.

Senator Bowman, Chairman of the Subcommittee for Governors Appointee, Cindy Hall presented the findings of the committee with recommendation the appointee be confirmed. A short form vote placed this nominee on the En Bloc confirmation calendar.

Senator Houser moved to arise at 1:55 PM.

Representative Annette Sweeney

Zachary C. Dalluge, Committee Secretary