

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: February 12, 2003

Place: Room 19

Convened: 2/12/2003
3:05 PM

Reconvened:

Adjourned: 2/12/2003
4:00 PM

Present: Senators Ziemann-CH, Sievers-VC, Rehberg, Stewart
Representatives Eichhorn-CH, Lalk-VC, Connors-RM, Elgin, Hunter, Lykam, Olson, D.,
Paulsen, Van Engelenhoven

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Holveck-RM

Senator Ziemann called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM. The secretary took attendance. Representative Connors moved that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved as printed. Representative Elgin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Ziemann introduced Chet Culver, Iowa Secretary of State, who used handouts to explain his budget request. Secretary Culver also explained that he is requesting additional funding to comply with the federal Help American Vote Act. This funding was not included in his department budget request. Secretary Culver explained the need for state funding to receive federal funding. Question and answers followed. Rob Berntsen and Jolene Franken, with the Secretary of State's office, helped answer questions.

Secretary Culver said that his office is interested in additional responsibilities, specifically professional ethics and campaign finance filings.

Senator Ziemann introduced Charlie Smithson, Executive Director of the Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board. Director Smithson submitted written remarks. He explained that they are an oversight committee and are asking for the same level of funding as last year. Director Smithson stated that they want to remain in charge of campaign finance filings because they are used for administrative purposes. Question and answers followed. Senator Sievers said that he wanted to be on record for opposing the removal of campaign finance filing to the Secretary of State office.

Representative Connors asked Senator Ziemann if the committee would be meeting on Thursday, February 13th. Senator Ziemann said the committee would not meet tomorrow. Representative Elgin requested a Republican caucus after the meeting adjourned.

Representative Lykam moved that the meeting arise at 4:00 PM.

Senator Mark Ziemann

Virginia Sourbeer, Committee Secretary