COMMITTEE MINUTES for
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Date: February 11, 2003 **Place:** Room 118

Convened: 2/11/2003 3:05 PM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 2/11/2003 3:30 PM

Present: Senators Gaskill-CH, Houser-VC, Black-RM, Seng, Seymour
Representatives De Boef-CH, Tjepkes-VC, Mertz-RM, Bell, Chambers, Hahn, Rasmussen, Reasoner, Whitaker

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Gaskill called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Roll call was taken. The minutes were approved as distributed.

Co-Chairman Gaskill introduced the Secretary of Agriculture, Patty Judge, who provided a handout and discussed the FY 2004 budget for the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. Discussion and questions followed.

Secretary Judge introduced members of her staff in attendance including Jamie Cashman, Mary Jane Olney, Brent Halling, and Dr. John Schiltz.

Secretary Judge addressed the subject of pseudorabies and reported that there have been no active cases in Iowa for the past year. She invited Dr. John Schiltz, State Veterinarian to discuss the importance of the continuance, for at least another year, of the monitoring phase of controlling the pseudorabies problem.

Secretary Judge and Dr. Schiltz warned of the potential of a poultry disease, Exotic Newcastle, which has appeared in some of the western states.

Senator Gaskill thanked Secretary Judge and Dr. Schiltz for their presentations. He also announced the speaker for tomorrow's meeting, Jeff Vonk, Director of the Department of Natural Resources. The meeting for Thursday, February 13, has been cancelled.

Senator Seng moved to arise at 3:30.

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Senator E. Thurman Gaskill

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Gerry Gaskill, Committee Secretary