

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: February 04, 2003

Place: Room 118

Convened: 2/4/2003
3:05 PM

Recessed:

Reconvened:

Adjourned: 2/4/2003
3:20 PM

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

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Houser-VC

Chair Rep. DeBoef called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM and asked for roll call. The minutes from the last meeting on January 22 were approved as written.

Chair DeBoef requested Deb Kozel, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, to give the Committee an overview of the Governor's budget recommendations. Deb reviewed the following:

*Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship FY 2004, General Fund and Non General Fund:

*Department of Natural Resources FY 2004, General Fund and Non General Fund:

Chair DeBoef opened the floor for questions:

Rep. Bell asked if boat license fees are increased will it reflect in the FY 2004 budget and Kathleen Moench, from the DNR responded that it will not appear until the FY 2005 budget.

Senator Black inquired what percent of total expenditures of the DNR are from Fish and Wildlife fees? Deb will secure those figures for Senator Black and present them at the next meeting.

Ranking Member Rep. Mertz requested that Democratic members of the Committee remain after adjournment for a brief meeting.

Chair DeBoef thanked Deb for her review of the Governor's budget and reviewed the agenda for Wednesday, February 5, 2003.

Chair requested a motion to adjourn at 3:20 PM; motion made by Senator Seng and seconded by Rep. Tjepkes.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Betty De Boef

Betty Sorenson, Committee Secretary