COMMITTEE MINUTES for
GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Date: January 26, 2006 **Place:** Legislative Dining Room

Convened: 1/26/2006 10:05 AM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 1/26/2006 10:45 AM

Present: Senators Lundby-CC, Connolly
Representatives Alons-CH, Hutter-VC, Lensing-RM, Eichhorn, Thomas, Whitead, Winckler

Absent: None

Excused: Senators Courtney-CC, Wieck
Representatives Baudler, Van Fossen, J.K.

Rep. Alons convened the meeting. Roll call was taken and minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Committee discussion regarding issues in Chapter 23A, Iowa Code, with staff from Ombudsman's Office and the Ethics and Campaign Board to determine need of any possible legislation.

Rep. Alons introduced William Angrick II, Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, to present his information. Kristie Hirschman, Ombudsman's Office, also answered questions. The Committee requested Mr. Angrick to return with a report on the jurisdiction of the Ombudsman's Office and possible further steps related to the Soil and Water Conservation issues.

Charlie Smithson, Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board, presented his information. Rep. Alons requested that Mr. Smithson present language to the Committee that would expand the effectiveness of the Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board.

There was clarification of issues scheduled on the calendar.

Rep. Thomas moved to adjourn.

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Representative Dwayne Alons

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Clarice Alons, Committee Secretary