COMMITTEE MINUTES for
GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Date: January 31, 2006 **Place:** Legislative Dining Room

Convened: 1/31/2006 10:00 AM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 1/31/2006 11:35 AM

Present: Senators Courtney-CC, Lundby-CC, Connolly, Wieck
Representatives Alons-CH, Hutter-VC, Lensing-RM, Baudler, Eichhorn, Thomas, Van Fossen, J.K., Whitead, Winckler

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Lundby convened the meeting. Roll was called and the minutes were approved as distributed.

Sam Leto reviewed upcoming meetings and distributed materials to assist members in preparing.

Representative Alons assigned HSB 592 as follows:
Alons, Chr., Hutter, Whitead

Mark Shearer, Veterinary Response Coordinator, Dept. of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, reviewed the steps that the Dept. has taken in the event of bioterrorism in the agricultural sector of Iowa. He responded to questions on a number of issues. Representative Baulder requested follow-up information on the disposal of fighting cocks in both Marshall and Wapello Counties.

Steve Pedersen, Bureau Chief, Weights and Measures Bureau, Dept. of Agricultural and Land Stewardship, discussed the issues regarding fuel testing. Discussion followed. Mr. Pedersen noted that responsibilities of the inspectors included more than gasoline testing. Questions and responses followed. Senator Lundby stated that she had a number of questions which stemmed from the discussion, and that she would email them to Mr. Pedersen. She requested his response by email to all committee members.

Senator Lundby asked that staff arrange for the Thursday, February 2, meeting to be tape recorded. Representative Baudler asked if it would be possible to arrange for a larger meeting room for that date.

Representative Lensing moved to rise at 11:35 AM.

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Senator Mary A. Lundby

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Judy Dierenfeld, Committee Secretary