

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

**Date:** January 23, 2007

**Place:** Room 305

**Convened:** 1/23/2007  
9:40 AM

**Recessed:**

**Reconvened:**

**Adjourned:** 1/23/2007  
10:35 AM

**Present:** Senators Seng-CH, Schoenjahn-VC, Gaskill-RM, Houser  
Representatives Kuhn-CH, Bailey-VC, De Boef-RM, Bell, Deyoe, Grassley, Mertz, Olson,  
D., Rasmussen

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** Senator Black

Representative Kuhn called the meeting to order.

Attendance was taken. Sen Black was excused.

Representative Kuhn introduced State Forester Paul Tauke and Forestry Bureau Chief John Walkowiak. Mr. Walkowiak updated the Committee on the potential impact on Iowa from Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). A budget request totaling \$625,000 was made for public outreach efforts, expanded detection and a City Forestry Cost-Share Program. In the event EAB is found in Iowa, another \$250,000 would be requested in emergency funds to deal with the infestation.

Mr. Walkowiak fielded questions from the committee members.

Mr. Tauke made brief remarks.

The minutes from the January 18 meeting were distributed.

Representative Kuhn moved to amend the minutes to indicate he was excused and not present at the meeting. Motion seconded by Representative Mertz. Motion carried.

Representative Bell moved to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Senator Schoenjahn. Motion carried.

Representative DeBoef moved to amend the Subcommittee Rules to delete the letter "s" from the word chairpersons in rule 6. Motion seconded by Senator Schoenjahn. Motion carried.

Representative Olson moved the committee arise.

The committee adjourned.

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Representative Mark Kuhn

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Melissa Burmester, Committee Secretary