

The Senate



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**Committee on Natural Resources
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Minutes of the Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

1:00 p.m.

Room 110, Farnum Building

The Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs was called to order by Senator Patricia Birkholz, Chair.

Senator Birkholz introduced to the committee Elana Nanny, who was job shadowing the Chair for the day.

Elana Nanny led the members of the committee in the recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance to the flag*.

The Clerk called the roll; **members present were Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Basham and Gleason. (4/5)**
Member absent and excused was Senator Patterson. (1/5)

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of February 24, 2010 as printed.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to adopt the minutes of February 24, 2010 as printed.
Senator Basham supported the motion.
There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee the appointment of Ms. Rebecca Humphries as Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2.104(c), the Chair of Senate Government Operations Committee requests that Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee hold a hearing on the appointment of Ms. Rebecca Humphries as Director of the Department of Natural Resources

and Environment, and make a written recommendation to the Government Operations Committee on this appointment.

Ms. Rebecca Humphries gave a brief statement. Following her remarks, Ms. Humphries addressed questions from various committee members.

Senator Van Woerkom moved that the Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee recommend to the Government Operations Committee that they favorably report the appointment of Ms. Rebecca Humphries as Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment to the Senate with a recommendation of advising and consenting to the appointment.

Senator Basham supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, as follows:

Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom and Basham, (3/5)

Nays: None. (0)

The appointment of Ms. Rebecca Humphries as Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment was reported to the Senate Committee on Government Operations.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to excuse Senator Patterson from today's committee meeting.

Senator Basham supported the motion.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; Senator Patterson was excused.

There being no other business before the committee; **Senator Basham moved to adjourn the meeting.**

Senator Van Woerkom supported the motion.

The motion prevailed, the time being 2:20 p.m.

Patricia L. Birkholz, Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

Joy A. E. Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee