

MINUTES
SENATE RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 08, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Burtenshaw, Vice Chairman Hart, Senators Guthrie, Okuniewicz, Cook, Kohl, and Taylor

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senators Harris and VanOrden

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CONVENED: **Chairman Burtenshaw** called the meeting of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee (Committee) to order at 1:30 p.m.

WELCOME: **Welcome and introduction of new Committee members. Chairman Burtenshaw** welcomed the Committee members and those in the audience to the 2025 Legislative Session.

INTRODUCTION: Introduction of Page - Sakia Bowman. Chairman Burtenshaw introduced Senate Page, Sakia Bowman. **Sakia** told the Committee about herself and shared some of her plans for the future.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Cook** asked Sakia what she did for fun. **Sakia** shared that she loved going outside, hiking, and traveling with her mom. She added that she enjoyed being active, going to the gym, and meeting new people. **Senator Cook** asked how her high school would get by for six weeks without her as their student body president. **Sakia** explained that this year there were copresidents, because there was an exact tie in their election, so her copresident stepped up at home. **Senator Guthrie** asked if she knew who was the mayor of Preston, and if the ghost of Napoleon Dynamite still ran the halls of Preston High School. **Sakia** did not know who the mayor of Preston was, and she clarified that the story of Napoleon Dynamite's ghost was debunked. **Chairman Burtenshaw** asked how much time it took Sakia to be student body president. **Sakia** shared she had been in student council for the past four years, and that she spends at least two hours a day managing her responsibilities on the student council. **Senator Taylor** asked what one key thing Sakia hoped to take away from her experience as a Senate Page. **Sakia** responded that she wanted to learn if political science was something she wanted to pursue in her education, and she wanted to create connections that might help her in the future.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Burtenshaw** adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

Senator Burtenshaw
Chair

Shelly Johnson
Secretary