

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

FIRST CALENDAR DAY
FIRST SESSION DAY

Senate Chamber
Des Moines, Iowa, Monday, January 14, 2008

Pursuant to chapter two (2), sections two point one (2.1) and two point three (2.3), Code of Iowa, the 2008 Regular Session of the Eighty-second General Assembly convened at 10:02 a.m. The Senate was called to order by President Kibbie.

Prayer was offered by Father Brian Hughes of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Estherville, Iowa. He was the guest of Senator Kibbie.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senator Gene Fraise.

SPECIAL GUEST

President Kibbie welcomed to the Senate chamber U.S. Representative Leonard Boswell. Representative Boswell was a member of the Iowa Senate and a former President of the Iowa Senate.

The Senate rose and expressed its welcome.

OPENING REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

President Kibbie addressed the Senate with the following remarks:

I would like to welcome all of you back to the Second Session of the Eighty-second General Assembly. I believe this Legislature accomplished a great deal for Iowa during the 2007 Session, and we need to keep those commitments and focus this year on those

issues that we can address in a bipartisan manner so that we leave with a balanced budget and a strong sense that we served our constituents well.

In 2007 we increased teacher salaries, put in place a solid program for early childhood education, funded the health care needs of low-income and elderly Iowans, and in my judgment, made great strides in increasing support for our community college system, including for the first time, a line item for salary increases for instructors.

As expected, the second year of any General Assembly is highly political in nature as we prepare for the general election in November. Many believe this atmosphere prevents us from coming together to solve real problems. It is my hope that many in this chamber and across the rotunda in the House of Representatives can sit down, and in a bipartisan way, craft legislation to the benefit of the state.

A few of these issues that will require bipartisan cooperation or they will die include:

Iowa's Transportation Infrastructure—While there seems to be substantial opposition to raising the gas tax, there is no debate that some funding mechanism must be found so that Iowa's roads and bridges are improved and have the highest level of safety. This is a problem that will not go away, and without a bipartisan solution, it will only get worse and cost more in the long run.

The School Infrastructure Local Option Tax (SILO)—With every county now having passed this tax, the key question seems to be is it a better strategy to take this penny, levy it statewide, and use the proceeds to benefit all our schools. I believe that groups who often don't agree say the answer is "yes," and we should use that opportunity to approve such a move. This will require bipartisan courage, and I am ready cast my vote in favor. It is the right thing to do and does provide direct property tax relief.

Renewable Fuels—We have made great progress in this area but need to be even more aggressive. I favor the requirement that each gallon of gasoline in this state contain ethanol or biodiesel. With the pressure from Washington in regard to reducing our dependence on foreign oil, this only makes sense. It is good energy policy and good economics for Iowa's farmers and alternative energy producers. These industries have spurred our economy and helped it remain strong.

Bottle Bill—For years we have ignored important needs in this area. It has been good for the environment and is long overdue for expansion. We will see a variety of initiatives in this area, and I believe the redemption centers in the state should get an extra penny, as they provide employment to many handicapped adults. I hope we can make this effort an important part of our environmental agenda.

Lastly, I would like to compliment all senators on their work on the interim committees that met this year. My analysis is that these committees were very productive and provided us valuable recommendations for this session. We should take them seriously. In particular, I would like to express my appreciation to the work done by The Legislative Commission on Affordable Health Care Plans for Small Businesses and Families. While we may be limited on what we might want to do, the leadership of Senator Hatch and Representative Foege and the amount of time and effort by other legislators, state officials, and private sector interest groups gave us a remarkable long-term document that deserves our attention. We should heed their call and find the resources to ensure that every Iowa child has access to health care and a medical home.

I know that 100 days from now, if we all work together, we can leave this chamber with the knowledge that Iowa will be a better place because of our work. I urge you all to find the common ground on which solutions can be found.

Thank you.

REMARKS BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

Senator Gronstal addressed the Senate as follows:

Mr. President, colleagues, and staff, welcome to the second session of the Eighty-second General Assembly of the Iowa Senate.

We are all returning to the State Capitol proud of the role our state played in choosing the next President of the United States. Regardless of the success of the candidates we individually supported—if any—Iowa and Iowans did ourselves proud on the national stage. As state legislators, we should be proud to represent the most politically important state in the union.

I'm ready to continue the work we started last year. Our focus should again be standing up for middle-class families by making Iowa a great place to work and to raise a family.

In 2007, standing up for middle-class families meant improving education by increasing teacher pay, expanding access to high-quality preschools, and making college more affordable.

In 2007, standing up for middle-class families meant expanding health care by bringing health insurance to uninsured Iowans and making it easier for small businesses to provide employees with health benefits.

In 2007, standing up for middle-class families meant creating the Iowa Power Fund which will encourage the creation of more good jobs at good wages and help Iowa continue to lead the nation in the development of alternative, renewable energy. It also meant raising the wage floor for all Iowa workers by increasing the minimum wage for the first time in almost ten years.

In 2008, standing up for middle-class families means keeping the commitments we made in 2007 to parents, teachers, students, entrepreneurs, and others.

Too often in the past dozen years, the Legislature has failed to keep its promises. And when you fail to keep your promises, people wonder if you will ever do what you say you will do.

Naturally, there are naysayers out there who are already claiming the commitments we made last year on education, health care, and the economy—commitments approved by bipartisan majorities of Republicans and Democrats—were too bold, too ambitious.

They've got a solution. They think the Legislature should yet again break its promises to Iowa parents, schoolchildren, workers, teachers, and other taxpayers. That is the wrong solution.

Today, as the majority leader of the Iowa Senate, I'm telling you that we will keep our commitments. We will stay as long as we need to keep the commitments we made last year. You have my word on it.

I know it won't be easy. And you know it won't be easy. That was clear last year when we voted to take significant, long overdue steps to expand educational opportunity, to increase the accessibility and affordability of health care, and to build a stronger economy.

But Senators, we didn't make those commitments because we thought they were easy. We made those commitments—Democrats and Republicans working together—because supporting and defending Iowa's middle class required us to make them. And supporting and defending Iowa's middle class requires us to work together to keep those commitments this year. And that is exactly what we will do.

Those arguing against us wonder if the Legislature has enough money to keep our word. What are the facts? According to the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency,

the State of Iowa's savings accounts are full at \$592 million. That's a growth of more than \$400 million in the last four years.

If the Legislature can't keep its word when we have a record amount of money in the state's rainy day accounts, when will we?

In fact, not only are we going to keep our promises on education, health care, and jobs, we are going to go a step further by continuing to eliminate more budget gimmicks used in previous years.

There will be many other issues that come before us this session. The people of Iowa are energized for change as never before. For example, the recommendations of the statewide health care commission offer us a bold, comprehensive road map to fix our broken health care system. The Generation Iowa Commission is giving voice to young Iowans who are eager to help move our state forward. The TIME-21 study committee has outlined the need for bipartisan action to repair and improve our transportation system.

This will be an interesting session. But first and foremost, this session will be remembered as the one in which we kept our commitments and stood up for middle-class families.

Thank you.

REMARKS BY THE MINORITY LEADER

Senator Wieck addressed the Senate as follows:

Ladies and Gentleman of the Iowa Senate, I stand before you today with a great deal of worry for the future of the state of Iowa. The Democrat Party controls all facets of Iowa state government: the Senate, the House, and the Governors office. Literally, all of government in the state of Iowa is under control of the Democrats.

This control has allowed the Democrat Party to make a run at gutting Iowa's Right-to-Work law, trying to enact forced unionism on Iowa's workers. The Democrats have voted to increase state spending to historic levels which even Senator Gronstal acknowledges "cannot continue at its current pace". The Democrats have ignored our school children's need for accountability in education and state standards in favor of cow-towing to the teacher's union demands for more and more taxpayer money with no strings attached. The Democrats are crafting the mother of all socialized medicine plans where there will supposedly be "winners and givers". Those "givers" are really only "losers" with bigger tax bills. The Democrats continue to propose policy after policy that is anti-business, anti-growth, anti-student, and anti-job.

You would think that this recap of the 2007 session would be scary enough, but it is not. Because, my friends, what worries me most, is not what the Democrat Majority proposes to do with their control, it is what they fail to propose to do and accomplish that worries me most.

This Democrat Majority will not lead.

They simply will not lead. The Democrat majority appear to worship at the altar of poll driven politics. This Senate now follows the people and polls and the special interest groups, but dares NOT to try and lead in order to do the hard work of making Iowa a place that prospers and grows. How do I know this? Well, let's look at what will NOT happen this session, which happen to be the very things that Republicans in the Senate would like to work on for the benefit of all Iowans.

During this session you will not see a comprehensive property tax reform plan submitted by the Democrat Majority. They do not have the will to lead on this issue even when commercial, agricultural, and residential property taxpayers are

hemorrhaging under the current system. The Democrat plan for last year was to give one of its wealthiest party financial donors millions in taxpayer money to keep funding his apartment buildings in Des Moines. That is the same plan that Representative Wise, a Democrat, called a “monstrosity” last year. That is not property tax reform. That is a failure of leadership.

During this session you will not see a proposal for low and middle income tax cuts submitted by the Democrat Majority. The dollar is falling, the markets are jittery, the sub-prime housing crisis is consuming the financial markets, and gas prices are sky high. People need more money in their pockets to stimulate this economy, but the Democrats insatiable appetite for more government programs will require that government keep taxing and spending without even a thought of returning some of that money to the people through an income tax cut. In fact, only tax increases are being proposed and the Democrats appear to be poised to take away the right of voters to decide their local option sales tax in favor of increasing the statewide sales tax.

Many are noticing the Democrat’s greed when it comes to keeping all this money. The Cedar Rapids Gazette recently chastised this Democrat Majority for not adopting the Republican Earned Income Tax Credit plan last year. It would have put substantially more money in the pockets of low income Iowan’s than anything the Democrats have proposed, including the raising of the minimum wage. That is a failure of leadership.

During this session you will not see a proposal to protect Iowa’s highway and bridges submitted by the Democrat Majority. The Democrats are so consumed with holding onto power that the Governor’s office and the Democrat majorities are like deer frozen in the headlights of this problem. We hear talk that the Republicans in this body need to do the heavy lifting or nothing will get done. Now, after ignoring our ideas, our proposals, and our voices last session, the Democrats want the Republicans to lead the way in fixing the infrastructure problem. What we need is straight talk from the majority. We need to fix our roads and bridges problem. Minnesotans’ learned this lesson the hard way, but Senate Democrats apparently have not “gotten the message.” Get with the Governor and give Iowan’s a proposal that is realistic. That is called leadership.

During this session you will not see any attempt by the Senate Democrats to stand up and defend the institution of marriage against an extremist attack by a renegade activist judge in Polk County who single handedly overrode the will of the people and this elected body of Senators. Traditional marriage is the bedrock of Iowa’s family unit and our law. Traditional marriage was protected with majority votes in the last decade by Iowa’s State Senators and Representatives. But sadly, the Democrat majority are happy to please extremist activists in their own party by using the old saw that “we’ll let the courts sort it out” before we act. That is not leadership and is an absolute abdication of our duty!

During this session you will not see a serious and comprehensive proposal to deal with our growing illegal immigration problem submitted by the Democrat Majority. Posing for the cameras and issuing press releases saying you will penalize businesses for hiring illegal immigrants does little to address this problem. You had an opportunity last session to make some headway in that regard, but Senate leadership killed the bill. But, this is an election year, so get ready for the press releases and photos, a lot of talk about nasty CEO’s and terrible corporate America, but don’t expect a serious and comprehensive proposal. Expect only political expediency. That is not leadership.

During this session you will not see a responsible budget proposed by Governor Culver nor one passed by the Democrat Majority. The biggest problem that the Democrats created in 2007 was a budget that kicked fiscal responsibility down the

road. You can put out your smoke and mirrors to confuse the voters by saying that the state is in great fiscal shape, all of the reserve funds are filled and the Democrats balanced the budget. Well, my fellow colleagues, balancing the budget is mandated in this state. Congratulations, you followed the law, last year. The dirty little secret though is that those reserve funds will not be full for long as the Democrat majorities will have to raid them to pay for their over-spending promises according to current fiscal projections.

That overspending will lead us to be short about 450 million dollars for next year's budget. That is a failure of leadership.

Last year this General Assembly increased the salaries of our hardworking teachers in this state. This was done, however, without adding more accountability into our classrooms. Investment in our education system is a shared goal by every person in this chamber as the vitality of our state depends on an educated workforce. Yet the historical stance of the Democrat party of throwing money at the problem to fix it is outdated.

Once again the Democrat Majority will issue their press releases touting education accomplishments and that they will start this year with a promise to institute state wide standards for our classrooms. The only problem with this promise is that the standards being advocated for by Governor Culver and the Department of Education are weak compared to Minnesota and Wisconsin. If we cannot compete with states in the Midwest how are we to compete in the global race on education.

Apparently last year was the "Year of the Teachers Union" not the "Year of the Student." This year promises to be more of the same. That is a failure of leadership.

I am worried. The people of Iowa should be worried. There is no leadership regarding the tough decisions that need to be made to overcome these obstacles I have identified. If Iowa is to be a place that grows and thrives for all of its citizens, we need to do the heavy lifting that bold and responsible leadership requires. Sadly, you won't find it in the Iowa Senate. It is easy to tax and spend, so we tax and spend, and spend, and spend. It is easy to reward special interests, so we try to gut Iowa' Right to Work law to fill the Union coffers. It is easy to do nothing, so we do nothing to protect the institution of marriage. It is easy to throw hundred of millions of dollars at the teacher's union, so we ignore our K-12 students and do nothing to provide accountability and standards in education. To each one of these issues, Senate Republicans have tried to offer alternatives, or suggested changes to bills, and have been met with a complete unwillingness to even dialogue. There is virtually no communication on bi-partisan legislation, unless, unless it requires a tax increase, then and only then, do we hear that Republican voices are welcome to come and sing in the choir. That is plain and simply not leadership.

Take a poll, propose a bill, take some photos and call the press, seems to be the where we are today. That is just not leadership. That is just politics.

COMMITTEE FROM THE HOUSE

A committee from the House appeared and notified the Senate that the House was duly organized and ready to receive any communication the Senate might be ready to transmit.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR

Senator Gronstal moved that a committee of five be appointed to notify the Governor that the Senate was organized and ready to receive any communication that he might be ready to transmit.

The motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the Chair announced the appointment of Senators Courtney, Chair; Dearden, Olive, Kettering, and Mulder.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE HOUSE

Senator Gronstal moved that a committee of five be appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate was organized and ready for business.

The motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the Chair announced the appointment of Senators Connolly, Chair; Hogg, Schmitz, Boettger, and Ward.

RECESS

On motion of Senator Gronstal, the Senate recessed at 10:34 a.m. until the completion of a meeting of the committee on Rules and Administration.

RECONVENED

The Senate reconvened at 10:40 a.m., President Kibbie presiding.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE SENATE

Senator Gronstal asked and received unanimous consent to take up the following report of the committee on Rules and Administration:

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on Rules and Administration begs leave to submit the names of the following individuals as permanent officers and employees of the Senate for the 2008 Session of the Eighty-second General Assembly:

Administrative

Administrative Secretary to the Secretary Betty Shea

Journal

Journal Editor IMaureen Lee

Legal Counsel

Assistant to Legal Counsel..... Patricia Willemssen

President of the Senate’s Office

Secretary Bonnie Fokken

Democratic Caucus

Confidential Secretary to Leader..... Kellee Mullen

Research Assistant Kassie Hobbs

Republican Caucus

Research Assistant Carol Wieck

Secretaries to Senators

Committee SecretaryHilton Bostick

Committee SecretaryKayla Burkhiser

Committee Secretary Donna Courtney

Committee SecretaryRachael Creswell

Committee Secretary Amanda Kimber

Committee Secretary Chelsea Lepley

Committee SecretaryKathy Nebel

Committee Secretary Dennis Tibben

Committee SecretaryFrances Wilke

Secretary Janice Heckroth

SecretaryAndrea Jansa

SecretaryDave Morris

SecretaryMaxine Sieleman

Secretary Ellen Wagner-Kerber

Secretary Joe Winn

SecretaryDede Zaub

MICHAEL E. GRONSTAL, Chair

Senator Gronstal moved the adoption of the report and appointment of the permanent officers and employees of the Senate.

The motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the foregoing officers and employees appeared before the bar of the Senate and were duly sworn to their oaths of office.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR

Senator Courtney reported that the committee assigned to notify the Governor that the Senate was organized and ready for business had performed its duty.

The report was accepted, and the committee was discharged.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE HOUSE

Senator Connolly reported that the committee assigned to notify the House that the Senate was organized and ready for business had performed its duty.

The report was accepted, and the committee was discharged.

APPOINTMENT OF PAGES

Senator Gronstal asked and received unanimous consent to take up the following report of the committee on Rules and Administration:

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on Rules and Administration begs leave to submit the names of the following persons as Pages for the Senate for the 2008 Session of the Eighty-second General Assembly:

Raeann Batz, Lytton
Danny Blanchard, Des Moines
Ann Dvorsky, Coralville
Emily Ehlers, Denison
Christina Gibbons, Sioux Center
Rhonda Greenway, Van Meter
Chase Hall, Des Moines
Caslon Hatch, Des Moines
Cassie Holstad, Thompson
Michael Palsic, Osage
Amy Peyton, Sac City

Rachel Rivenbark, Story City
Zachary Simonson, Ottumwa
Zakary Steib, Fort Dodge
Cole Unger, Jefferson

MICHAEL E. GRONSTAL, Chair

Senator Gronstal moved the adoption of the report and the appointment of the Senate Pages.

The motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the foregoing Senate Pages appeared before the bar of the Senate and were duly sworn to their oaths of office.

HOUSE MESSAGES RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED

The following messages were received from the Chief Clerk of the House:

MR. PRESIDENT: I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House has on January 14, 2008, **adopted** the following resolutions in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

House Concurrent Resolution 101, a concurrent resolution resolving that a joint convention of the two houses of the 2008 session of the Eighty-second General Assembly be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. for Governor Chester J. Culver to deliver his budget message.

Read first time and **placed on calendar**.

House Concurrent Resolution 102, a concurrent resolution resolving that a joint convention of the two houses of the 2008 session of the Eighty-second General Assembly be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. for Chief Justice Ternus to present her message of the condition of the judicial branch.

Read first time and **placed on calendar**.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS
(Regular Calendar)

Senator Gronstal asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration House Concurrent Resolutions 101 and 102.

House Concurrent Resolution 101

On motion of Senator Gronstal, **House Concurrent Resolution 101**, a concurrent resolution resolving that a joint convention of the two houses of the 2008 session of the Eighty-second General Assembly be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. for Governor Chester J. Culver to deliver his budget message, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Gronstal moved the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 101, which motion prevailed by a voice vote.

House Concurrent Resolution 102

On motion of Senator Gronstal, **House Concurrent Resolution 102**, a concurrent resolution resolving that a joint convention of the two houses of the 2008 session of the Eighty-second General Assembly be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. for Chief Justice Ternus to present her message of the condition of the judicial branch, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Gronstal moved the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 102, which motion prevailed by a voice vote.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Gronstal asked and received unanimous consent that **House Concurrent Resolutions 101 and 102** be **immediately messaged** to the House.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senate File 2001, by Angelo, a bill for an act relating to a sales tax exemption for the operation of nonprofit private performing arts centers, allowing a sales tax refund for construction of such centers, and including a retroactive applicability date.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Ways and Means**.

Senate File 2002, by Beall, a bill for an act waiving employer charges for unemployment claims stemming from temporary workers who have replaced active duty military employees.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Labor and Business Relations**.

Senate File 2003, by Beall, a bill for an act providing for historical research on Asian and Pacific Islander immigration to Iowa and making an appropriation.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Appropriations**.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Gronstal, the Senate adjourned at 10:53 a.m. until 8:45 a.m., Tuesday, January 15, 2008.

APPENDIX**STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED**

The Majority and Minority Leaders announced the following appointments to the standing committees of the Senate for the Eighty-second General Assembly, 2008 session:

*Vice Chair

**Ranking Member

AGRICULTURE—15 Members

Fraise, Chair	Black	Hancock	Olive
Rielly*	Boettger	Houser	Putney
Johnson**	Courtney	Kibbie	Seng
Appel	Gaskill	Mulder	

APPROPRIATIONS—25 Members

Dvorsky, Chair	Bolkcom	Hahn	Ragan
McCoy*	Connolly	Hancock	Seng
Kettering**	Danielson	Hatch	Seymour
Angelo	Dotzler	Hogg	Ward
Behn	Fraise	Johnson	Warnstadt
Black	Gaskill	Putney	Wood
Boettger			

COMMERCE—15 Members

Warnstadt, Chair	Bolkcom	McKibben	Schoenjahn
Heckroth*	Courtney	Olive	Stewart
Behn**	Kettering	Putney	Ward
Angelo	McCoy	Rielly	

ECONOMIC GROWTH—13 Members

Stewart, Chair	Danielson	Hatch	Schmitz
Olive*	Dotzler	Mulder	Seymour
Houser**	Hahn	Rielly	Zaun
Beall			

EDUCATION—15 Members

Schoenjahn, Chair	Boettger	Kreiman	Wood
Appel*	Connolly	McKinley	Zaun
Mulder**	Heckroth	Quirnbach	Zieman
Beall	Johnson	Schmitz	

ETHICS—6 Members

Kibbie, Chair	Behn**	Putney	Wieck
Connolly*	Dearden		

GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT—5 Members

Courtney, Chair	Ward**	Lundby	Schmitz
Connolly*			

HUMAN RESOURCES—13 Members

Ragan, Chair	Bolkcom	Hatch	Mulder
Schmitz*	Dotzler	Johnson	Quirnbach
Seymour**	Hartsuch	Kreiman	Wood
Boettger			

JUDICIARY—15 Members

Kreiman, Chair	Dvorsky	Horn	Ward
Hogg*	Fraise	Noble	Warnstadt
McKibben**	Hancock	Quirnbach	Zieman
Behn	Hartsuch	Schoenjahn	

LABOR AND BUSINESS RELATIONS—11 Members

Dearden, Chair	Behn	Hahn	Kettering
Courtney*	Dotzler	Hatch	Seng
Ward**	Dvorsky	Horn	

LOCAL GOVERNMENT—13 Members

Quirnbach, Chair	Hartsuch	Kreiman	Rielly
Beall*	Heckroth	McKinley	Schoenjahn
Zaun**	Houser	Olive	Stewart
Angelo			

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT—15 Members

Black, Chair	Bolkcom	Kettering	Schoenjahn
Hancock*	Dearden	Lundby	Seng
Gaskill**	Hogg	Noble	Wood
Behn	Johnson	Ragan	

RULES AND ADMINISTRATION—11 Members

Gronstal, Chair	Angelo	Dearden	Ragan
Kibbie*	Courtney	Dvorsky	Zieman
Wieck**	Danielson	Lundby	

STATE GOVERNMENT—15 Members

Connolly, Chair	Behn	Hahn	McKibben
Horn*	Black	Hatch	Schmitz
Zieman**	Danielson	Kettering	Wood
Appel	Gaskill	Kibbie	

TRANSPORTATION—13 Members

Rielly, Chair	Dearden	Houser	Warnstadt
Danielson*	Hancock	McCoy	Zaun
Noble**	Heckroth	Putney	Zieman
Beall			

VETERANS AFFAIRS—11 Members

Beall, Chair	Black	Horn	McKinley
Warnstadt*	Danielson	Kibbie	Ragan
Seymour**	Hartsuch	McKibben	

WAYS AND MEANS—17 Members

Bolkcom, Chair	Connolly	Noble	Seng
McCoy*	Dotzler	Putney	Stewart
McKibben**	Hogg	Quirnbach	Ward
Angelo	Houser	Schmitz	Zieman
Appel			

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION

Danielson, Chair	Hahn**	Stewart
Appel*	Hartsuch	

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Seng, Chair	Gaskill**	Houser
Schoenjahn*	Black	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dotzler, Chair	Kettering**	Ward
Heckroth*	Olive	

EDUCATION

Wood, Chair	Boettger**	Zieman
Horn*	Quirnbach	

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Hatch, Chair	Johnson**	Seymour
Kreiman*	Ragan	

JUSTICE SYSTEM

Hancock, Chair	McKinley**	Noble
Fraise*	Hogg	

TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITALS

McCoy, Chair	Putney**	McKibben
Warnstadt*	Beall	

SENATORS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES

ANGELO, Jeff	Appropriations Commerce Local Government Rules and Administration Ways and Means
APPEL, Staci	Agriculture Education, Vice Chair State Government Ways and Means Administration and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee, Vice Chair
BEALL, Daryl	Economic Growth Education Local Government, Vice Chair Transportation Veterans Affairs, Chair Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee
BEHN, Jerry	Appropriations Commerce, Ranking Member Ethics, Ranking Member Judiciary Labor and Business Relations Natural Resources and Environment State Government
BLACK, Dennis H.	Agriculture Appropriations Natural Resources and Environment, Chair State Government Veterans Affairs Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

BOETTGER, Nancy J.	Agriculture Appropriations Education Human Resources Education Appropriations Subcommittee, Ranking Member
BOLKCOM, Joe	Appropriations Commerce Human Resources Natural Resources and Environment Ways and Means, Chair
CONNOLLY, Michael	Appropriations Education Ethics, Vice Chair Government Oversight, Vice Chair State Government, Chair Ways and Means
COURTNEY, Thomas G.	Agriculture Commerce Government Oversight, Chair Labor and Business Relations, Vice Chair Rules and Administration
DANIELSON, Jeff	Appropriations Economic Growth Rules and Administration State Government Transportation, Vice Chair Veterans Affairs Administration and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee, Chair
DEARDEN, Dick L.	Ethics Labor and Business Relations, Chair Natural Resources and Environment Rules and Administration Transportation
DOTZLER, William A., Jr.	Appropriations Economic Growth Human Resources Labor and Business Relations Ways and Means Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, Chair
DVORSKY, Robert E.	Appropriations, Chair Judiciary Labor and Business Relations Rules and Administration

FRAISE, Gene	Agriculture, Chair Appropriations Judiciary Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee, Vice Chair
GASKILL, E. Thurman	Agriculture Appropriations Natural Resources and Environment, Ranking Member State Government Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, Ranking Member
GRONSTAL, Michael E.	Rules and Administration, Chair
HAHN, James F.	Appropriations Economic Growth Labor and Business Relations State Government Administration and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee, Ranking Member
HANCOCK, Tom	Agriculture Appropriations Judiciary Natural Resources and Environment, Vice Chair Transportation Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee, Chair
HARTSUCH, David	Human Resources Judiciary Local Government Veterans Affairs Administration and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee
HATCH, Jack	Appropriations Economic Growth Human Resources Labor and Business Relations State Government Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee, Chair

HECKROTH, William M.	Commerce, Vice Chair Education Local Government Transportation Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, Vice Chair
HOGG, Robert M.	Appropriations Judiciary, Vice Chair Natural Resources and Environment Ways and Means Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee
HORN, Wally E.	Judiciary Labor and Business Relations State Government, Vice Chair Veterans Affairs Education Appropriations Subcommittee, Vice Chair
HOUSER, Hubert	Agriculture Economic Growth, Ranking Member Local Government Transportation Ways and Means Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
JOHNSON, David	Agriculture, Ranking Member Appropriations Education Human Resources Natural Resources and Environment Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee, Ranking Member
KETTERING, Steve	Appropriations, Ranking Member Commerce Labor and Business Relations Natural Resources and Environment State Government Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, Ranking Member
KIBBIE, John P. "Jack"	Agriculture Ethics, Chair Rules and Administration, Vice Chair State Government Veterans Affairs

KREIMAN, Keith A.	Education Human Resources Judiciary, Chair Local Government Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee, Vice Chair
LUNDBY, Mary A.	Government Oversight Natural Resources and Environment Rules and Administration
McCOY, Matt	Appropriations, Vice Chair Commerce Transportation Ways and Means, Vice Chair Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee, Chair
McKIBBEN, Larry	Commerce Judiciary, Ranking Member State Government Veterans Affairs Ways and Means, Ranking Member Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee
McKINLEY, Paul	Education Local Government Veterans Affairs Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee, Ranking Member
MULDER, Dave	Agriculture Economic Growth Education, Ranking Member Human Resources
NOBLE, Larry L.	Judiciary Natural Resources and Environment Transportation, Ranking Member Ways and Means Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee
OLIVE, Rich	Agriculture Commerce Economic Growth, Vice Chair Local Government Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee

PUTNEY, John	Agriculture Appropriations Commerce Ethics Transportation Ways and Means Transportation, Infrastructure and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee, Ranking Member
QUIRMBACH, Herman C.	Education Human Resources Judiciary Local Government, Chair Ways and Means Education Appropriations Subcommittee
RAGAN, Amanda	Appropriations Human Resources, Chair Natural Resources and Environment Rules and Administration Veterans Affairs Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee
RIELLY, Tom	Agriculture, Vice Chair Commerce Economic Growth Local Government Transportation, Chair
SCHMITZ, Becky	Economic Growth Education Government Oversight Human Resources, Vice Chair State Government Ways and Means
SCHOENJAHN, Brian	Commerce Education, Chair Judiciary Local Government Natural Resources and Environment Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, Vice Chair
SENG, Joe M.	Agriculture Appropriations Labor and Business Relations Natural Resources and Environment Ways and Means Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, Chair

SEYMOUR, James A.	Appropriations Economic Growth Human Resources, Ranking Member Veterans Affairs, Ranking Member Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee
STEWART, Roger	Commerce Economic Growth, Chair Local Government Ways and Means Administration and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee
WARD, Pat	Appropriations Commerce Government Oversight, Ranking Member Judiciary Labor and Business Relations, Ranking Member Ways and Means Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee
WARNSTADT, Steve	Appropriations Commerce, Chair Judiciary Transportation Veterans Affairs, Vice Chair Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee, Vice Chair
WIECK, Ron	Ethics Rules and Administration, Ranking Member
WOOD, Frank B.	Appropriations Education Human Resources Natural Resources and Environment State Government Education Appropriations Subcommittee, Chair
ZAUN, Brad	Economic Growth Education Local Government, Ranking Member Transportation

ZIEMAN, Mark

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Transportation
Ways and Means
Education Appropriations Subcommittee

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

The following communications were received in the office of the Secretary of the Senate during the 2007 interim and placed on file in the Legislative Services Agency:

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Affirmative Action in Iowa report for the 2007 fiscal year, pursuant to Iowa Code section 19B.5. Report received on October 1, 2007.

Early Termination Program report for 2007, pursuant to 2001 Iowa Acts, Senate File 551. Report received on October 31, 2007.

COUNTY REAL ESTATE ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Final report of the County Real Estate Electronic Government Advisory Committee. Report received on May 10, 2007.

OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Iowa Drug Control Strategy annual report for 2008, pursuant to Iowa Code section 80E.1. Report received on November 1, 2007.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Report on the Activities of the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service, pursuant to the Iowa Code section 15H.2(2)(h). Report received on October 30, 2007.

Business Training Services annual report for 2006, pursuant to Iowa Code sections 260G.4C, 15.108(3)(a)(1), and 15.108(6)(b)(3). Report received on December 31, 2007.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Community College Data Collection report, pursuant to 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2527, and Iowa Code section 260C.14. Report received on January 8, 2008.

Teacher Quality Report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 284.12(1). Report received on January 9, 2008.

Charter School Report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 256F.10. Report received on January 9, 2008.

IOWA COUNTY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION SERVICE BUREAU

Annual report of activities for 2007, pursuant to Iowa Code section 312.3B. Report received on January 7, 2008.

IOWA HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program annual report for 2007, pursuant to Iowa Code section 29C.20A(4). Report received on December 27, 2007.

Enhanced 911 Annual Report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 34A.7A(3)(a). Report received on January 9, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Recommendation and Options to Divert Placement of Boys at the Iowa Juvenile Home in Toledo, Iowa, and Report on the Work of the Toledo Study Group, pursuant to 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2734. Report received on June 28, 2007.

Options and Resources Needed to Support Responsible Fatherhood report, pursuant to 2007 Iowa Acts, Chapter 218, section 9. Report received on December 17, 2007.

Independent Living Services annual report, pursuant to 2005 Iowa Acts, House File 457. Report received on January 2, 2008.

Annual report of the Iowa Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Developmental Disabilities, and Brain Injury Commission for the 2007 calendar year and Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Developmental Disabilities, and Brain Injury Commission legislative proposals for 2008, pursuant to Iowa Code section 225C.6(h)(1). Report received on January 4, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Efficiency Report of the State Public Defender's Office, pursuant to 2007 Iowa Acts, Senate File 575. Report received on December 17, 2007.

Prosecutor Intern Program annual report for 2007, pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.2(12). Report received on January 8, 2008.

MUNICIPAL FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF IOWA

Annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, pursuant to Iowa Code section 411.5. Report received on December 3, 2007.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Public Drinking Water Program Annual Compliance Report for 2006. Report received on July 18, 2007.

Annual report of Oil Overcharge Restitution Programs. Report received on October 3, 2007.

Annual Lake Restoration 2007 report and 2008 plan, pursuant to 2007 Iowa Acts, House File 911. Report received on December 28, 2007.

Household Hazardous Materials Programs report for 2008. Report received on January 4, 2008.

Boat Fees Revenues and Expenditures Report for 2007, pursuant to Iowa Code section 462A.52. Report received on January 9, 2008.

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

Published report, "Investigation into Pacific Junction Mayor Public Records Complaint," pursuant to Iowa Code section 2C.17. Report received on May 22, 2007.

Annual report for the 2006 calendar year. Report received on June 29, 2007.

Published report, "Investigation of Winfield's Agenda for the September 11, 2006, City Council Meeting," pursuant to Iowa Code section 2C.17. Report received on October 10, 2007.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

Annual report for fiscal year 2007, pursuant to Iowa Code section 7E.3(4). Report received on December 6, 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Annual report for the 2007 fiscal year, pursuant to Iowa Code section 7E.3(4). Report received on October 30, 2007.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Iowa Industrial Processing Exemption Study Committee 2006 report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 7A.11A. Report received on August 27, 2007.

Annual report of costs incurred and paid for services to support the department's Tax Gap Compliance Project for fiscal year 2007, pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.17(23). Report received on October 15, 2007.

Collection results, positions added, and costs incurred 2007 year-end fiscal report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 421.17(27)(h) and (j). Report received on November 5, 2007.

Tax Credits Tracking and Analysis Program 2007 Annual Report, pursuant to 2007 Iowa Acts, House File 874. Report received on January 2, 2008.

Annual report of all ongoing projects for which an appropriation from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund has been made, pursuant to Iowa Code section 8.57(6)(h). Report received on January 10, 2008.

OFFICE OF THE IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE

Report on the cost of complying with requirements to update voting systems and equipment, pursuant to 2007 Iowa Acts, House File 911. Report received on December 28, 2007.

STATE BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

Annual Report for the 2007 calendar year. Report received on December 18, 2007.

TECHNOLOGY GOVERNANCE BOARD

Annual report for 2007 fiscal year. Report received on January 2, 2008.

IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

Report on the review of maintenance contracts, pursuant to Iowa Code section 8D.3(3)(g). Report received on November 29, 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Quarterly report of the Motor Vehicle Division, pursuant to 2005 Iowa Acts, House File 466. Report received on June 29, 2007.

TREASURER OF STATE

Annual report of the Iowa Tobacco Settlement Trust regarding activities for the previous fiscal year, pursuant to Iowa Code section 12E.15. Report received on January 11, 2008.

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

Replacement Tax Study Committee report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 476.6(20). Report received on November 21, 2007.

Report on the Status of Energy Efficiency Programs in Iowa and the 2007 Iowa Residential Energy Survey, pursuant to 2007 Iowa Acts, House File 918. Report received on January 2, 2008.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Report on the status of the County Grant Program for Veterans, pursuant to 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2797.

AGENCY ICN REPORTS

Iowa Communications Network (ICN) usage reports for FY 2007, pursuant to Iowa Code section 8D.10, were received from the following agencies:

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP – Report received on January 7, 2008.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – Report received on January 2, 2008.

IOWA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION – Report received on August 13, 2007.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Report received on January 8, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Report received on January 2, 2008.

BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS – Report received on January 11, 2008.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS – Report received on October 25, 2007.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – Report received on October 16, 2007.

IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – Report received on October 31, 2007.

IOWA NATIONAL GUARD – Report received on January 9, 2008.

STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA – Report received on December 17, 2007.

IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION – Report received on December 26, 2007.

IOWA VETERANS HOME – Report received on January 7, 2008.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

MR. PRESIDENT: Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, the committee on Rules and Administration submits the following names of officers and employees of the Senate for the 82nd General Assembly, 2008 Session, and their respective classifications, grades, and steps:

		<u>CLASS</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>STEP</u>
Journal Editor I	Maureen Lee	P/FT	22	1
Admin. Sec. to Secretary	Betty Shea	S/O	21	1
Asst. to Legal Counsel	Patricia Willemsen	S/O	19	3
Conf. Sec. to Leader	Kellee Mullen	S/O	27	1
Secretary to President	Bonnie Fokken	S/O	18	1

Research Assistant	Kassie Hobbs	S/O	24	1
Research Assistant	Carol Wieck	S/O	24	1
Legislative Secretary	Janice Heckroth	S/O	16	1
Legislative Secretary	Andrea Jansa	S/O	16	1
Legislative Secretary	Dave Morris	S/O	16	1
Legislative Secretary	Maxine Sieleman	S/O	15	1
Legislative Secretary	Ellen Wagner-Kerber	S/O	18	2
Legislative Secretary	Joe Winn	S/O	17	1
Legislative Secretary	Dede Zaun	S/O	16	1
Legis. Committee Secretary	Hilton Bostick	S/O	18	1
Legis. Committee Secretary	Kayla Burkhiser	S/O	17	1
Legis. Committee Secretary	Donna Courtney	S/O	18	2
Legis. Committee Secretary	Rachael Creswell	S/O	18	1
Legis. Committee Secretary	Amanda Kimber	S/O	18	1
Legis. Committee Secretary	Chelsea Lepley	S/O	18	1
Legis. Committee Secretary	Kathy Nebel	S/O	18	1
Legis. Committee Secretary	Dennis Tibben	S/O	17	1
Legis. Committee Secretary	Franny Wilke	S/O	18	1
Page	Raeann Batz	S/O	9	1
Page	Danny Blanchard	S/O	9	1
Page	Ann Dvorsky	S/O	9	1
Page	Emily Ehlers	S/O	9	1
Page	Christina Gibbons	S/O	9	1
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Page	Cassie Holstad	S/O	9	1
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Page	Amy Peyton	S/O	9	1
Page	Rachel Rivenbark	S/O	9	1
Page	Zachary Simonson	S/O	9	1
Page	Zakary Steib	S/O	9	1
Page	Cole Unger	S/O	9	1

MICHAEL E. GRONSTAL, Chair

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

MR. PRESIDENT: Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, the committee on Rules and Administration submits the following increases, reclassifications, and the effective dates of Senate employees:

Sr. Admin. Asst. to Ldr. to Sr. Admin. Asst. to Ldr. II	Eric Bakker	Grade 38, Step 7 to Grade 41, Step 7 Effective 1/08
Admin. Asst. to Ldr. II to Admin. Asst. to Ldr. III	Debbie Kattenhorn	Grade 32, Step 3 to Grade 35, Step 3 Effective 6/07
Sr. Admin. Asst. to Ldr. to Sr. Admin. Asst. to Ldr. II	Steve Conway	Grade 38, Step 7 to Grade 41, Step 7 Effective 1/08

Sr. Legis. Research Analyst	Kris Bell	Step 6 to Step 7 Effective 7/07
Sr. Legis. Research Analyst	Rusty Martin	Step 1 to Step 3 Effective 6/07
Legis. Research Analyst III	Bridget Godes	Step 1 to Step 3 Effective 7/07
Legis. Research Analyst II to Legis. Research Analyst III	Julie Simon	Grade 32, Step 6 to Grade 35, Step 4 Effective 1/08
Legis. Research Analyst II	Kerry Wright	Step 4 to Step 5 Effective 7/07
Legis. Research Analyst I to Legis. Research Analyst II	Sue Monahan	Grade 29, Step 2 to Grade 32, Step 1 Effective 7/07
Legis. Research Analyst I	Cathy Engel	Step 1 to Step 3 Effective 12/07
Legis. Research Analyst to Legis. Research Analyst I	Jace Mikels	Grade 27, Step 4 to Grade 29, Step 3 Effective 7/07
Legis. Research Analyst	Erica Shorkey	Step 4 to Step 6 Effective 12/07
Conf. Sec. to Ldr.	Kay Kibbie	Step 4 to Step 6 Effective 6/07
Sr. Admin. Asst. to Ldr. II	Brent Oleson	Step 5 to Step 6 Effective 1/08
Admin. Asst. to Ldr. Caucus Staff Director to Sr. Caucus Staff Director	Sarah Kobliska Peter Matthes	Resigned 9/14/07 Grade 38, Step 3 to Grade 41, Step 3 Effective 6/07
Sr. Legis. Research Analyst	Jim Friedrich	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 6/07
Legis. Research Analyst III	Russ Trimble	Step 3 to Step 4 Effective 6/07
Legis. Research Analyst III	Kimberly Steenhoek	Step 1 to Step 3 Effective 6/07 Resigned 1/3/08
Legis. Research Analyst II	Tom Ashworth	Step 2 to Step 3 Effective 6/07
Legis. Research Analyst	Angie Lewis	Step 3 to Step 4 Effective 6/07
Legis. Research Analyst	Peter Cownie	Step 2 to Step 3 Effective 2/08 Resigned 10/11/07
Conf. Sec. to Ldr.	Judy Dierenfeld	Step 4 to Step 6 Effective 6/07 Resigned 9/14/07
Sr. Finance Officer III	Linda Laurenzo	Step 6 to Step 7 Effective 7/07
Sr. Finance Officer I to Sr. Finance Officer II	Lois Brownell	Grade 31, Step 5 to Grade 35, Step 3 Effective 7/07

Conf. Sec. to Sec. of the Senate II	K'Ann Brandt	Step 5 to Step 6 Effective 7/07
Admin. Sec. to Sec. of the Senate	Betty Shea	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 3/08
Sr. Journal Editor	Janet Hawkins	Step 1 to Step 3 Effective 6/07
Journal Editor I	Sarah Clark	Step 1 to Step 3 Effective 6/07
Asst. Journal Editor	Angela Cox	Resigned 8/3/07 Step 3 to Step 4 Effective 6/07
Postmistress	Leila Carlson	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 3/08
Legis. Committee Secretary	Anne Marie Burnett	Step 4 to Step 5 Effective 2/08
Legis. Committee Secretary	Jodi Grover	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 3/08
Legis. Committee Secretary	Kathleen Nebel	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 3/08
Legislative Secretary	Elizabeth Arndt	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 3/08
Legislative Secretary	David Boettger	Step 3 to Step 4 Effective 2/08
Legislative Secretary	Vicki Davis	Step 6 to Step 7 Effective 4/08
Legislative Secretary	Colleen Jones	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 3/08
Legislative Secretary	Martha Ullem	Step 4 to Step 5 Effective 2/08
Legislative Secretary	April Young	Step 1 to Step 2 Effective 3/08

MICHAEL E. GRONSTAL, Chair

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

LABOR AND BUSINESS RELATIONS

Convened: January 14, 2008, 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dearden, Chair; Ward, Ranking Member; Dotzler, Dvorsky, Hahn, Hatch, Horn, Kettering, and Seng.

Members Absent: Courtney, Vice Chair; and Behn (both excused).

Committee Business: Organizational meeting.

Adjourned: 2:10 p.m.

RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Convened: January 14, 2008, 10:30 a.m.

Members Present: Gronstal, Chair; Kibbie, Vice Chair; Wieck, Ranking Member; Angelo, Courtney, Danielson, Dearden, Dvorsky, Lundby, Ragan, and Ziemann.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: Reports of Senate pages and employees for the 2008 session.

Adjourned: 10:40 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

Senate Resolution 101, by Ragan, a resolution to ensure that Iowans with developmental disabilities are supported by a quality workforce.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Rules and Administration**.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senate File 2004, by Kibbie, a bill for an act relating to advertising renewable fuels by the use of decals affixed to motor fuel pumps.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Agriculture**.

Senate File 2005, by Kibbie, a bill for an act providing a method for the acquisition of title to abandoned vacant lots by cities.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Local Government**.

Senate File 2006, by Putney, a bill for an act requiring bicyclists riding on state or county highways to have a license and providing for fees and penalties.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Transportation**.

STUDY BILLS RECEIVED

SSB 3001 Human Resources

Relating to dental homes for children.

SSB 3002 Human Resources

Allowing appeal of denials of dental insurance coverage based on medical necessity.

SSB 3003 Human Resources

To allow physician assistants to form a professional corporation.

SSB 3004 Agriculture

Relating to the eligibility requirements for the barn preservation property tax exemption.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

SSB 3001

HUMAN RESOURCES: Schmitz, Chair; Boettger and Ragan

SSB 3002

HUMAN RESOURCES: Kreiman, Chair; Johnson and Ragan

SSB 3003

HUMAN RESOURCES: Dotzler, Chair; Schmitz and Seymour

SSB 3004

AGRICULTURE: Olive, Chair; Fraise, Gaskill, Houser, and Seng