

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Veenstra, Kenneth J. Senator Veenstra,  
Kenneth J. - Resides at Orange City, Sioux County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 19 April 1939 Bussell, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Janice Hoogwerf 1964

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Orange City Chamber of Commerce; Sioux  
County Association of Retarded Citizens

C. Profession Insurance agent

4. Church membership Christian Reformed

5. Sessions served 76<sup>th</sup>, 77<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1995-1996, 1997-1998 House of

6. Public Offices 78<sup>th</sup>, 79<sup>th</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1999-2000; 2001-2002; 2003-2004 Senate Representative

A. Local Orange City Christian Sch. Board member

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death \_\_\_\_\_

8. Children James; Kevin; Greta; Jay

9. Names of parents Lambert and Hester Veenstra

10. Education He was a graduate of the Tracy, Iowa High School

11. Degrees He attended American College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - U.S. Army, Military Police and 5<sup>th</sup> Army.  
Honor Guard 1962-1964

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source      Non Applicable      Applicable      Information obtained

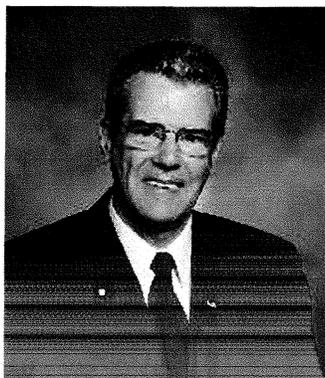
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# The Iowa Legislature *General Assembly*

**Senator Ken Veenstra**  
**Eightieth General Assembly**



### **Standing Committee Assignments**

- Agriculture
- Appropriations
- Economic Growth
- Human Resources (Chair)
- State Government

### **Legislation Sponsored**

- Bills
- Amendments

### Subcommittee Assignments

### **Appropriations Subcommittee**

- Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee

**Ken Veenstra**  
State Senator  
Senate District 2  
Republican  
State Capitol  
Des Moines, IA 50319

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Home Telephone: 712-737-2331

Occupation: Retired Insurance Agent

# INSIDE

## THE LEGISLATURE

A look at key lawmakers  
in the Legislature

### KEN VEENSTRA

**TITLE:** Senate Human Resources  
chairman

**PARTY:** Republican

**AGE:** 64

**RESIDENCE:** Orange City



**EDUCATION:** Tracy  
High School;  
Chartered Life  
Underwriter,  
American College,  
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

**CAREER AND  
RESUME:** Insurance  
agent; Dordt College

board of trustees; former member,  
Orange City Christian School  
Board. Two terms in House;  
serving third term in Senate.

**FAMILY:** Married, four children

**THE JOB:** Veenstra leads the  
committee charged with  
overseeing the state's approach to  
social problems, such as divorce  
and child abuse. His committee  
will consider urging Congress to  
seek a change in the U.S.

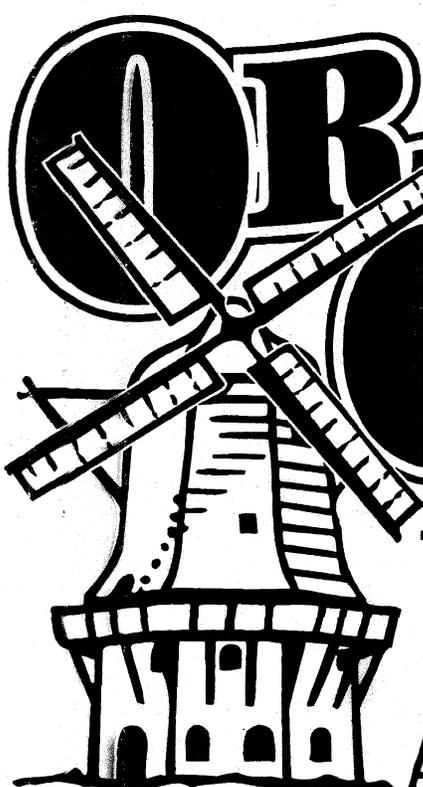
Constitution to exclude same-sex  
couples from the definition of  
marriage.

**HOW TO CONTACT:** Veenstra can  
be reached by mail care of the  
Statehouse, Des Moines, IA 50319.  
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# ORANGE CITY IA 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



**"OUR HERITAGE IS OUR FUTURE"**

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# Te Paske, Rens, Rensink & Pluim Law Firm



**Rensink, TePaske, Pluim  
Vogel and Van Beek**

The origin of this law firm dates back to the 1800's and presently has five practicing attorneys. After a long and distinguished law career Henry Te Paske passed away in 1984 at the age of 79. Gerrit L. Rens retired in 1992 after practicing Law in Orange City for over 50 years.

John D. TePaske, graduate of Grinnell College and Harvard Law School joined the firm in June 1968 and continues as a practicing attorney and part-time rancher. After serving in the U.S. Army JAG Corp and practicing in Eastern Iowa, John L. Rensink joined the firm in September 1972. He is a graduate of the University of South Dakota and Drake Law School. Dan Pluim, graduate of Dordt College and University of Iowa Law School, joined the firm in July 1979. He also serves as a Judicial Magistrate for Sioux County.

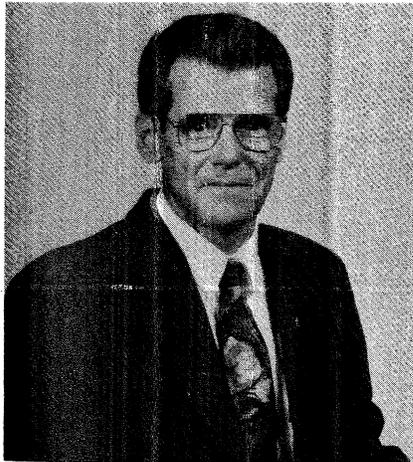
The first practicing female attorney in Orange City and



**Office staff: Marvella Duistermars,  
Diane Schiebout, and Julie Erickson**

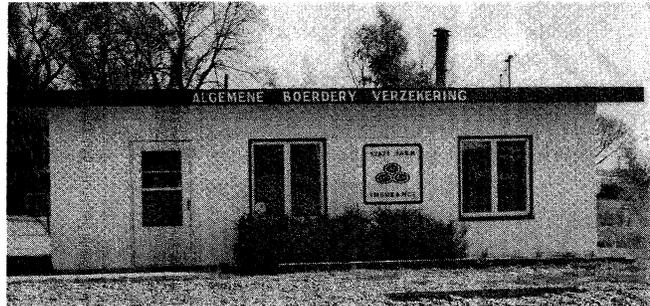
Sioux County became associated with the law firm in July 1987. Andrea Van Beek graduated from Northwestern College and University of Iowa Law School. She also serves as a Trust Officer for several area banks. Patricia (Rensink) Vogel joined her father in law practice in June 1994. She is a graduate of Drake University and Drake Law School. Her area of special interest is litigation.

## Ken Veenstra



**Ken Veenstra**

Twenty-five years ago Ken Veenstra began his career with State Farm Insurance in an office located at 105 3rd St. N.E. The agency was operated at that time by former Orange City Mayor, Chester Van Peurse who retired in 1970. The agency moved to its present location on January of 1979 when Ken purchased the office originally built by John Ter Horst and used in his bulk oil business. In 1993 Ken remodeled and expanded his office utilizing a Dutch front and increasing its size by three times the original.



State Farm

is a nationwide marketer of personal and commercial lines insurance as well as life and health products. Ken earned his CLU degree in 1985 and continues to provide insurance services to the Orange City and surrounding communities. Ken is also serving in his first term as State Representative from District 5.

