

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Ziemann, Mark  
Represented Clayton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17 Jan 1945 Postville, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Jennifer Overland 8 Aug 1965

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member of Soybean Association; Iowa Corn Growers Association;

B. Civic responsibilities Postville Society; Town Board; Decorah Chamber of Commerce; United States Chamber of Commerce

C. Profession Farmer; trucking company owner; bowling alley owner

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 79<sup>th</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup>, 81<sup>st</sup>, 82<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007

6. Public Offices

A. Local Chairman of the Allamakee County Zoning Board

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

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

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

8. Children Wendy, Becky, Douglas, Amy

9. Names of parents Lyle E. and Leck B (Harris) Ziemann

Zieman, Mark

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Degrees Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa - 2 years  
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12. Other applicable information Republican  
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## INSIDE THE LEGISLATURE

A look at lawmakers in the  
Iowa State Legislature

### Mark Zieman

**TITLE:** Chairman, Senate State  
Government Committee



**PARTY:** Republican

**AGE:** 59

**RESIDENCE:**  
Postville

**EDUCATION:**  
Attended Iowa State  
University

#### CAREER AND

**RESUME:** Farmer and trucking  
company owner. Serving second  
term in the Senate.

**FAMILY:** Married, four children.

**THE JOB:** Zieman's committee  
oversees state government  
agencies and will lead discussion  
of the gambling bill and election  
laws.

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# Allamakee County, Iowa History 1989



Allamakee County, Iowa

County, Iowa in 1924 to (Carol  
ig) and Henry Beneke.

oline Koenig was born in Union City  
ship in 1885 and Henry Beneke came to  
ca from Germany about 1874 when he was  
ars old. They were married in 1904 and  
hy was their eighth child. They farmed in  
City Township.

ald and Dorothy were married in 1941  
er ing in Minnesota and trucking in  
nsis. They moved to the Waukon area in  
Six children were born to them.

ald was born in 1942 in Long Prairie,  
sota. He graduated from Waukon and  
ican Institute of Business in Des Moines.

2 he married Norma Herman, the daugh-  
-Alma (Sivesind) and Roland Herman of  
on, five children were born to them. Lisa,  
t, Christine, David and Heidi. Donald

d in the insurance business and currently is  
resident of Delta Life and Annuity in  
his, Tennessee. Darryl was born in 1946 in

Prairie, Minnesota. He graduated from  
on and after enlisting in the Air Force and  
ng in Des Moines and managing Brown's

ce Station in Waukon, he began working for  
owa Department of Agriculture as a scale  
ctor. In 1965 he married Rosalie Martin,

ughter of Reva (Ames) and Ralph Martin.  
had two children, Loralie and Martin.

vid was born in 1949 in Caledonia, Minn-  
He was a student at Waukon High School  
he was killed in an automobile accident.

ne was born in 1953 in Waukon. She gradu-  
from Waukon and the University of Iowa.

married John Van Pelt of Iowa City. They  
two sons, John and Bryan. John is currently

intendent of Schools in New Sharon, Iowa  
Darlene is employed in Lynn County  
rds Department as a computer analyst.

nnis was born in 1955 in Waukon. He gradu-  
l from Waukon and from Des Moines Area  
munity College. He married Julie Mattsson

ta, Iowa and four sons were born to them,  
l, Timothy, Aaron and Evan. Dennis owns

n's Equipment Repair Business in  
s, Ia.

niel was born in Waukon in 1959. He gradu-  
l from Waukon and attended Hawkeye

in Waterloo, and University of Minnesota  
ring in law enforcement and graduated  
the Police Academy in Des Moines. He

ied Wanda Fish, the daughter of Sandra  
er) and Wayne Fish. They have two chil-  
Shannon and Donald. Daniel is currently a

ty sheriff in Boone County Iowa.  
onald Brown was a livestock hauler and hog  
r in Allamakee County from 1951 until his

in 1981.  
rothy Brown married Armin Wuennecke in  
He was born in 1925 to John and Ella

mer) Wuennecke. They were farmers  
nion City Twp. Armin served in the U.S.  
y and then became a bookkeeper. He is cur-  
y employed at Welch Feed and Fertilizer at

kon.

## PHILLIP ALFRED YOUNG

Phillip Alfred Young is the son of Jesse Willet-  
d Young and LaVonne Winnefred (Safford)

ng of rural Hesper Township in Winneshiek  
nty. Jesse was born on 8-29-1918, the son of

ad Jacob Young 2-21-1890 to 9-13-1975 and  
na Karine (Grindeland) Young 10-20-1891

-27-1924. Jesse married LaVonne on 2-14-  
2. LaVonne was born 7-5-1924, the daughter

oseph Erwin 7-29-1899 to 5-10-1971 and  
y Margaret (Entsminger) Safford 6-23-1901

-19-1968. Jesse and LaVonne had four chil-  
- Robert, Emma, Phillip and Willet.

Robert was born 10-24-1942, married San-  
-d on 8-23-1969. She was born on

-194. They had three children, Bobbie  
e 6-29-1970, Ronald Jesse 8-29-1972 and  
cy Lou 2-23-1976. They farmed in Hesper

ntship in Winneshiek County until Robert's  
h (farm accident). Sandra remarried to Vern  
le on 12-23-1985.



Brandon 7, Blair 4, Brea 2 April 1986 Sheryl and Phillip Young

Emma Marie, born 10-3-1945, married Freder-  
erick Irvin Thompson on 6-25-1966, who was  
born on 12-1-1934. They had three children,  
Frederick Jr. 1-1-1967 to 1-3-1967 (who died of  
premature birth), Kathryn Emma 4-27-1972 and  
Maynard Irvin 6-5-1977. They farmed near Dor-  
chester, Ia., until Frederick's death 2-8-1987.

Willet Erwin, born 1-13-1958, married Rhon-  
da Faye (Schacht) on 8-23-1980. Rhonda was  
born on 5-30-1959. They have two children,  
Shannon Faye 3-26-1983 and Jordan Robert  
7-21-1986, they live and work in Decorah, Ia.

Phillip Alfred was born in Caledonia, Minn.  
on 4-6-1956. He married Sheryl Marlene (Mon-  
son) on 8-28-1976 at Scheie Lutheran Church in  
Fillmore County, Minn., where Phillip was con-  
firmed and a member. Together they have three  
children, Brandon Lee 8-11-1978, Blair Leigh  
9-6-1981 and Brea Lea 2-15-1984. They are  
members of St. John's Lutheran Church of  
Waukon.

Sheryl was born in Decorah, Ia. on 11-13-1957  
and was raised on the family farm near Burr Oak  
until 1960 when they moved to Waukon. Sher-  
yl's father is Maynard Oscar-Kermit Monson  
born 1-6-1926 to the family of Oscar Adolph  
Monson 9-2-1902 to 2-1-1979 and Olga Johanna  
(Nelson) Monson 11-13-1899 to 2-11-1985.  
Sheryl's mother was Doris Leonette (Ruroden)  
Monson born 3-5-1934 and died 8-31-1985 of  
diabetic complications. Doris was the daughter  
of Lloyd Atto Ruroden 10-11-1906 to 4-17-1964  
and Clara Mary (Gander) Ruroden born 12-1-  
1909. Maynard and Doris married on 6-24-  
1951. Sheryl's sister Shirley Ann born 6-4-1952,  
married 1-31-1971 to 1985 to Doug Thompson.  
Together they had one child Erica Nickoel born  
5-10-1971.

Phillip and Sheryl met at Matter's Ballroom  
near Decorah, their favorite activity is dancing  
together. Phillip grew up and worked on the fam-  
ily farm and hired out to the neighbors as a farm  
laborer and also hauled race horses to Kentucky  
and other areas in the country. In 1976 Phillip  
moved to the Waukon area and started work at  
Burg Impl. (an International Harvester store) as  
a truck driver and mechanic, until the store  
closed in 1986 where at that time he started  
working for Reiser Impl. at the same location, as  
a parts man. He also worked as an auxiliary  
police officer until 1989 then went full time as a  
Waukon police officer.

Phillip enjoys collecting collectibles and refin-  
ishing antiques. He also enjoys family outings  
(camping and traveling).

## ROBERT E. AND MARILYN J. HYDE ZEZULKA

Robert E. Zezulka, born August 14, 1941 to  
Raymond N. and Lorraine A. (Wild) Zezulka, of  
New Albin. He is the second of three sons, Roger  
of Haines City, Florida, Robert and William of  
Clarks Grove, Minnesota.

Robert's grandfather, Frank M. Zezulka  
immigrated to America from Czechoslovakia in  
1899 at age 14. Robert's maternal grandfather  
was E.L. Wild, the eleventh of twelve children by  
George and Katherine Wild. They both immi-  
grated from Germany (near Wurtenburg) in  
1862 before they married. One by sailboat taking

three months and the other by steamship taking  
three weeks.

Marilyn J. Hyde Zezulka, born November 21,  
1940 to Donald J. and Eleanor P. (Cole) Hyde in  
Colesburg, IA. She is the younger of two chil-  
dren, Donald Jr. of Hazel Green, Wisc.

The first Hydes, two brothers, came to Ameri-  
ca from England in 1625 and 1639, to settle in  
Massachusetts. Three generations later they



Robert Zezulka Family — L to R: Robert, Marilyn, Roxi, Renee and Robin.

were located in Green Co. Pennsylvania and lat-  
er founded the town of Colesburg in Iowa. Mar-  
ilyn's maternal great-great-grandfather accom-  
panied his parents, Robert and Mary Ann Cole, to  
America in 1832 when they immigrated from Ely  
in Cambridgeshire, England.

Robert and Marilyn were married June 30,  
1961 at Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church, New  
Albin, and have three daughters.

Robin (Harmon) born November 11, 1961  
married Larry T. Harmon of Bondurant, IA (the  
son of Jerry Harmon) July of 1981. They have  
two daughters Bobbie Jo, born July 31, 1984 and  
Abby, born July 28, 1986. They own and operate  
the High Chaparral tavern and restaurant in  
New Albin and live just outside of town.

Roxi (Weymiller) born December 6, 1962,  
married Gary L. Weymiller of New Albin (the  
son of Leland Weymiller) August 1984. They  
own and operate several farms along the Upper  
Iowa River outside New Albin.

Renee (Mooney) born February 28, 1964,  
married Daniel J. Mooney of Lansing, IA (the  
son of James Mooney) June 1985. They live and  
work in New Albin.

Marilyn and Robert began farming 1966 in  
Elkport, IA and Marilyn taught school, earlier in  
New Albin, then in Elkader, IA. In 1969 they  
bought the E.H. Reiser farm, southside of New  
Albin and presently reside there.

## LYLE AND LEAH (HARRIS) ZIEMAN

Johann Albert Ziemann (Albert) was born on  
December 14, 1860 in Jefferson Township,  
Clayton County. His wife Anna was born in the  
same township in 1870. They married in April of  
1888 and started farming on some of the land his  
father owned, now owned by Lyle Ziemann.  
Albert and Anna died one day apart. A double  
funeral was held on October 8, 1950. Four chil-  
dren were born to this marriage: Clinda Wiehe,  
Elmer, Vernie, and Estella.

Elmer married Adaila Meyer on February 15,  
1915. They had four children: Leeone, born in  
1916; Lyle born in 1921; Robert, who died in  
infancy in 1925; and Gretchen, born in 1929.  
Elmer and Adaila retired in Postville at the time  
I, Lyle married Leah B. Harris from Castalia on  
October 19, 1941. Leah was born October 13,  
1923 and passed away on January 29, 1987. She  
was a farmer, gardener, housewife and devoted  
mother.

We had four sons and one daughter. Mark,  
born January 1945, married Jennifer Overland  
from Postville in 1964. They live on an acreage  
in Allamakee County. They have four children;  
Wendy, born in 1965, married Kevin Sudden-  
dorf in 1988 and is teaching and living in Hous-  
ton, Texas; Becky, born in 1967, is a senior at the



Lyle Ziemann

University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls; Douglas, born in 1970, and Amy, born in 1977, both attend Postville schools.

Nile was born in October 1946 and married Donna Wahls from Postville in 1966. They live on a farm near Postville. They have three children; Charmion, born 1970, attends the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls; Sherman, born in 1973, and Lanny, born in 1981 are both students in the Postville school system.

Sue was born in April 1951 and married Walter Miro from Connecticut in Postville in June of '85 and now lives in Columbia, Maryland. They have one son, Zachary, born in 1987.

We have twin sons, James and John, born in 1955. James married Lora Fritz from Postville in 1984 and they live in Postville and have son Ryan, born in 1985. John lives in Richland Hill, Georgia and married Delores Wells from Heinville, Georgia. They married in 1980 and have one son, Justin born in 1981.

We rented our farm in Clayton County in 1941 and several years later purchased it from my father. We operated a large dairy and hog operation and worked side by side from early morning until late at night and at the same time raised our family. Leah became afflicted with multiple sclerosis, which she lived with for over thirty years, ten of which she was confined to a wheelchair. She could not move her arms, hands, feet, or legs except when they would spasm, of which she had no control.

We sold our dairy herd and moved to Postville in 1976 and built a new home across from the swimming pool in 1978. Here she was able to watch the activity at the pool and was located such that our many friends could come to visit her. Although unable to talk very much, was able to answer with her eyes and expressions of her face.

In 1978, I was elected to the position of Allamakee County Supervisor and am still serving in that capacity. Submitted by Lyle Ziemann

### HERBERT AND MARIE ZIMMERMAN

Herbert William Zimmerman was born at the home of his parents December 15, 1912, Lansing, Iowa. He was the son of Christina (Schellhammer) Zimmerman and William Zimmerman. Herbert attended school at Center #2. His father was born in 1878 and died in 1936; his mother was born in 1889 and died in 1927. They were married in April 1910. Herbert's brothers and sisters are: Esther Humphreys, Walter Zimmerman, Sylvia Bakke, and Shirley Rose.

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the daughter of Stella (Haas) and Leo Dougherty Marie attended Makee Grade School, St. Patrick's High School and graduated from Waukon High School. Her father was born January 5, 1892 and died in 1970; her mother was born April 24, 1890 and died in 1954. They were married at St. Patrick's Church, Waukon, May 12, 1914. Marie's sisters are Leone Lippe and Stelle O'Hara.

Herbert and Marie Zimmerman were married June 8, 1937, at St. Mary's Lycurgus. They had two children. Janet was born November 18, 1944, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. She married Wayne Kreitzer August 9, 1969. Their children are Scott Michael, born May 11, 1976, and Kristina Marie, born March 11, 1981. Janet is employed as Business Manager/Board Secretary and Wayne as a high school guidance counselor



The Herbert and Marie Zimmerman Family

at the Howard-Winneschek Schools in Cresco, Iowa, where they reside.

Scott is a sixth-grade student, and Kristina a second-grade student at Notre Dame Elementary School. Scott plays the piano, is in the school band percussion, enjoys sports and is a 4-H member. Kristina is enrolled in gymnastics, tap dancing classes, and takes piano lessons.

Leone Kay was born February 10, 1947, in Waukon, attended Center #2 Grade School, and graduated from Waukon High School in May, 1965. Kay was employed at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and is currently an assistant cashier at Farmers and Merchants Savings Bank, in Waukon. She is a member of the Waukon Golf and Country Club, and has served as President of the Allamakee County Banker's Association, Secretary of the Allamakee County March of Dimes, and Treasurer of St. Mary's Church, Lycurgus.

Herbert and Marie were members of St. Mary's Lycurgus Church until moving to Waukon in 1980, where they joined St. Patrick's Church.

Herbert was a farmer/feed salesman, served on the local parish council at Lycurgus, and was a member of the Farm Bureau.

He enjoyed playing cards, and sports, including playing ball, fishing, hunting, bowling, and traveling to major league games. Herbert enjoyed life, especially visiting with relatives and friends.

Marie worked as a salesclerk prior to her marriage, and retired as food service manager of the Allamakee Community Schools in 1985.

Herbert died on December 12, 1986, and is buried at St. Mary's, Lycurgus. Marie lives in Waukon and does volunteer work for the hospital auxiliary, and St. Patrick's School lunch program. She enjoys travel, embroidery, Bingo, visiting friends, and playing cards.

### REVEREND FERDINAND AND ADELA vonKOTHEN ZISSLER

Reverend Ferdinand Zissler was born in 1875 in Herborn, Germany, near Frankfurt of Hessian parents, who operated a water wheel driven flour mill. His wife, Adela von Kothén, was born in 1878 in Barmen, Germany, near Bonn, of Prussian parents. Ferdinand first met Adela when he Kothén Musikhaus in Barmen, her father, Peter

owned. Peter was an accomplished musician who led the Barmen Orchestra that once played for Kaiser Wilhelm. Ferdinand became a student at the Dutch operated Missionary Training School in Barmen, after serving the required two years in the German Army.

Upon graduating in 1901, Ferdinand was sent to Borneo of the Dutch Indies to replace a retiring missionary among the native Dyaks, some of whom were still fearsome headhunters. The old missionary taught him the native language. He also gave him his German Zither and taught him how to play it. Ferdinand loved music and had a beautiful bass voice. If not with religion, he charmed the natives with his music.

Adela and Ferdinand had become engaged, in preparation to join him in his work, she was taking nurses' training. Unfortunately, after two years there, he had to return to Germany to recover from malaria. In 1904 they were married and came to America on their honeymoon, and to accept pastorship of a German congregation in Cambridge, Maryland. They had brought with them her sewing stand, a music box, a cuckoo clock, his violin and zither, and his long floor length ivory handled missionary pipes that were popular in school.

There Joann and Ella were born. In 1906 they took a church in Marion, South Dakota, where



Rev. Zissler Family — Back, Standing: Ella, Joann, Martha. Sitting: Mrs. and Reverend. Center: Alfred.

Martha was born. This was followed by a move to Muscoda, Wisconsin where I, Alfred Ferdinand, was born in 1910.

In late 1911 we moved to the Zalmona Presbyterian Church in Ludlow Township, Iowa, six miles from Waukon, the county seat of Allamakee. During 1917 Father was a professor at Redfield College, Redfield, South Dakota, a



Rev. Zissler Family — Back, L-R: Martha, Alfred, Joann. Front, L-R: Rev., Roland, Mrs. Zissler (Adela).

denominational school closely associated with the University of Dubuque. There he taught Theology, Greek, Hebrew, and Latin, languages in which he had become very proficient. He also, of course, was fluent in German, Dutch, English and Dyak.

In 1918 Father served a church in Fredonia, North Dakota, located among the sweeping wheat fields with big beautiful butterflies. On November 11th, 1918 I rang the church bell to proclaim Armistice, my weight being just enough to jump and swing it. More good news us back. So we loaded a freight car with all of our



# The Iowa Legislature General Assembly

## Senator Mark Zieman Eighty-Second General Assembly



**Mark Zieman**  
State Senator  
Senate District 8  
Republican  
State Capitol  
Des Moines, IA  
50319

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# STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY of IOWA

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE OR SENATOR MARK Ziemann

1. BIRTHDATE AND PLACE 1-17-45 Postville IA 52162

2. MARRIAGE(S) TO WHOM/DATE/PLACE Jennifer Overland Aug 8, 1965

3. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. BUSINESS 38 yr Farmer, own trucking business that was incorporated in 1983

B. CIVIC DUTIES Past President + board member of Tri City Club, Past chair of Allamakee journey board, past chair of allamakee central committee and numerous other ~~sports~~ boards.

C. PROFESSION \_\_\_\_\_

4. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION\* Lutheran

5. NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS SERVED in 2<sup>nd</sup> session

6. PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

A. LOCAL \_\_\_\_\_

B. STATE Senator

C. NATIONAL \_\_\_\_\_

7. CHILDREN Wendy, Becky, Doug, Amy

8. NAMES OF PARENTS Lyle and Leah Ziemann

\*Optional information  
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9. EDUCATION 14 yrs - 2 at Iowa State

10. DEGREES ATTAINED \_\_\_\_\_

11. OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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