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Hall of the House of Representatives
Des Moines, Iowa, Monday, January 13, 2003

Pursuant to chapter two (2), sections two point one (2.1) and two point three (2.3), Code of Iowa, the House of Representatives of the Eightieth General Assembly of Iowa, 2003 Regular Session, convened at 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 13, 2003.

The House was called to order by the Honorable Libby Jacobs, State Representative from Polk County.

Prayer was offered by Reverend John Gaul, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, Sioux City. He was the guest of Representative Rants of Woodbury County.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance and presentation of the flags were led by Sergeants Tom Baker, Dave Bishop, Bill Enockson and Mike Post of the Sioux City Police Force. They were accompanied by Chief of Police, Joseph C. Frisbie and Police Captain Pete Groetken.

TEMPORARY OFFICERS

On motion by Roberts of Carroll, Margaret A. Thomson of Polk County was elected Acting Chief Clerk. Margaret Thomson presented herself and took and subscribed to the following oath:

“I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Iowa and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office to the best of my ability, so help me God.”

Manternach of Jones moved that the Honorable Libby Jacobs of Polk County be elected Temporary Speaker.

The motion prevailed and the oath of office was administered to the Honorable Libby Jacobs by Acting Chief Clerk Thomson.

Temporary Speaker Jacobs in the chair.
CREDENTIALS OF MEMBERS

Baudler of Adair moved that a committee of five on credentials be appointed and that the accredited list of the Secretary of State be accepted.

The motion prevailed and the following committee was appointed: Baudler of Adair, Boggess of Page, Jones of Mills, Mascher of Johnson and Quirk of Chickasaw.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

MR. SPEAKER: We, your committee on credentials, respectfully report that we find the following named persons duly elected to and entitled to seats in the House of Representatives of the Eightieth General Assembly as shown by duplicate copies of the certificates of election on file in the office of the Secretary of State:

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF IOWA
Office of
THE SECRETARY OF STATE

To the Honorable, The Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I, CHESTER J. CULVER, Secretary of State of the State of Iowa, custodian of the files and records pertaining to elections in the State, do hereby certify that the State Canvassing Board has declared that at the General Election held on November 5, 2002, each of the following named persons was duly elected to the office of State Representative for the term of two years beginning on the first day of January, 2003:

First..............................................................................................................Wesley Whiteud
Second...........................................................................................................Roger F. Wendt
Third............................................................................................................Ralph F. Klemme
Fourth............................................................................................................Dwayne Arlan Alons
Fifth.................................................................................................................Royd E. Chambers
Sixth ........................................................................................................... Greg Stevens
Seventh....................................................................................................... Marcella R. Frevert
Eighth ........................................................................................................ Dolores M. Mertz
Ninth ........................................................................................................ George S. Eichhorn
Tenth ......................................................................................................... James M. Kurtenbach
Eleventh .................................................................................................... Henry V. Rayhons
Twelfth ..................................................................................................... Linda L. Upmeyer
Thirteenth ..................................................................................................Bill Schickel
Fourteenth .................................................................................................Mark A. Kuhn
Fifteenth .................................................................................................... Brian Quirk
Sixteenth ...................................................................................................Chuck Gipp
Seventeenth ...............................................................................................Bill Dix
Eighteenth.................................................................................................. David Lalk
Baudler of Adair moved that the report of the committee on credentials be adopted.
The motion prevailed and the report was adopted.

MEMBERS’ OATH OF OFFICE

The following members took and subscribed to the oath of office as follows:

“I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Iowa and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the State of Iowa according to the best of my ability, so help me God.”

Dwayne Alons
Richard Arnold
Clel Baudler
Paul A. Bell
Deborah L. Berry
Carmine Boal
Dan Bodicker
Effie Lee Bogess
Polly Bukta
Danny Carroll
Royd Chambers
Frank Chiido
Dennis Cohoon
John Connors
Swati Dandekar
Mark Davitt
Betty DeBoef
Ervin Dennis
Bill Dix
Cecil Dolecheck
Jack Drake
George Eichhorn
Jeff Elgin
Ed Fallon
Ro Foege
Wayne Ford
Mary Lou Freeman
Marcella Frevert
Mary Gaskill
Chuck Gipp
Polly Granzow
Jane Greimann
Sandra Greiner
James Hahn
Brad Hansen
Dell Hanson
Dave Heaton
Lisa Heddens
Clarence Hoffman
Rob Hogg
Lance Horbach
Dan Huseman
Geri Huser
Joe Hutter
Libby Jacobs
Willard Jenkins
Pam Jochum
Gerald Jones
Ralph Klemme
Kent Kramer
Mark Kuhn
James Kurtenbach
David Lalk
Vicki Lensing
Steven Lukan
Jim Lykam
O. Gene Maddox
Gene Manternach
Mary Mascher
Kevin McCarthy
Dolores Mertz
Helen Miller
Pat Murphy
Richard Myers
Jo Oldson
Donovan Olson
Steven Olson
Robert Osterhaus
Kraig Paulsen
Janet Petersen
Brian Quirk
Scott Raecker
Christopher Rants
Dan Rasmussen
Henry Raybons
Michael Reasoner
Hansen of Pottawattamie presented the name of the Honorable Christopher Rants as candidate for Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Eightieth General Assembly, preceding such nomination with the following remarks:

Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Iowa House. On the occasion of the opening day of the 80th General Assembly of the Iowa House of Representatives, it is truly an honor to rise and nominate Representative Christopher Rants of Woodbury County as the Speaker of the House.

Representative Rants is a man of sharp intellect and tireless hard work balanced with impeccable integrity. He is a leader who possesses a vision of the state of Iowa with abundant opportunities for the children of every Iowan – including his own daughters Kait and Grace who are with us today.

He is a man who honors his wife and has undoubtedly made his parents very proud – even before he was first elected.

So Representative Rants, as I move this nomination, I want to share with you the words my grandmother shared with me in 1997. "You are a leader in charge of a troop. With God as your commander-in-chief, and the Bible as your ammunition, may you never lose a battle.”

Mr. Speaker, I nominate Representative Rants as Speaker of the House.

Klemme of Plymouth seconded the nomination of Christopher Rants for Speaker of the House, preceded by the following remarks:

Thank you Madam Speaker. I have known Representative Rants about eleven years – longer than most of you. Eleven years ago we met on the campaign trail in Morningside, Sioux City, early in 1992. Representative Rants was hard-working then and still is today. Representative Rants is very intelligent, ambitious, honest, and fights for what he believes is right for the citizens of Iowa. He sets high goals and accomplishes most of them, except for raising the speed limit. I believe Representative
Rants will respect and listen to all the members of this body. We, the members of the Iowa House, are very fortunate to have Representative Rants as our Speaker. He will do a great job leading us – at least for the next two years.

It is with honor and a great pleasure I second the nomination of Representative Rants as Speaker of the Iowa House of Representatives.

Thank you Madam Speaker.

Myers of Johnson seconded the nomination of Christopher Rants for Speaker of the House, preceded by the following remarks:

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure and honor to second the nomination of Christopher Rants as Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 80th General Assembly.

I look forward to serving with Speaker Rants. It is with admiration and enthusiasm that I second the nomination of Christopher Rants, the gentleman from Woodbury, to be Speaker.

In accordance with the foregoing motion, the Acting Chief Clerk cast the votes of all the members of the House of Representatives for the Honorable Christopher Rants as Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Eightieth General Assembly. The Honorable Christopher Rants of Woodbury County, having received all of the votes cast for the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Eightieth General Assembly, was declared duly elected to that office.

Hansen of Pottawattamie moved that a committee of two be appointed to escort the Speaker to the chair.

The motion prevailed and the following committee was appointed: Hansen of Pottawattamie and Myers of Johnson.

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER

The Honorable Christopher Rants was escorted to the Speaker’s station and, having been sworn, assumed the chair. Temporary Speaker Jacobs presented Speaker Rants with the gavel and congratulated him on his unanimous election.

Speaker Rants thanked the House for the honor bestowed upon him and offered the following remarks:
“There is not a question of legislation or administration; there is not a question to be solved in connection with our complex industrial life, the life in which the wage worker, the farmer, and the businessman now play the three chief parts; there is not a question which we cannot solve or right if we will approach it in the spirit of sanity and with patience, with courage, and with the firm determination to solve it in accordance with the immutable laws of righteousness and fair dealing as between man and man.”

Those were the words of President Theodore Roosevelt as he spoke on the west steps of this Capitol building one hundred years ago. It was a time when this nation faced serious economic challenges. The stock market crashed on a regular basis and companies across the country went bankrupt. The people of our land were still split between the rural south and the more urban, industrialized north. Labor and racial unrest threatened to turn violent.

Yet, at the turn of the century none were more optimistic about what the promise of America held than the “bully” President. Roosevelt’s words in 1903 ring true today. The challenges that lay before us are great. However, they are no more insurmountable than those faced by our predecessors if only our resolve to deal with them with courage and honesty remains firm.

I believe that as we move through this session we must test our actions against three principles. The first of those principles being, does it foster the creation of wealth in Iowa. Whether it is more take home pay in a waitress’s pocket, or a larger dividend check for a stockholder, all contribute to a wealthier Iowa.

Iowa’s economy suffers from a lack of capital, and that is where we must concentrate our efforts. Whether it be the monetary form or the human form of capital, capital will go where capital can grow. It is as fluid as any river, and our job must be to build the dams that will keep it here, so that it can grow, and nourish the young businesses that would spring up around it.

Last month I had the opportunity to visit one of our university research parks. I was amazed with some of the ideas that are being turned into products, but I was disappointed to hear tale after tale of young businesses that cannot obtain the investment to expand their ventures because of a lack of financial capital here in Iowa.

We’ve all seen the state-by-state comparisons that show new business start-ups. While I know Representatives Hoffman, and Van Fossen will have their committees diligently working on that issue, I would suggest that it goes beyond just measures to improve economic growth and our tax climate. All of state government has an impact on whether or not Iowa is a state where economic growth can occur and business will grow. It would be a small step, but I suggest that each committee review the mission statement for the departments you oversee, and if fostering a good business climate is not in it, put it there, for it will take all of us, working together, to make Iowa a place where capital can grow.

The second of the three tests of principle is in regards to education. No doubt discussions of school finance, infrastructure, transportation and others will occupy our time. In those debates we must not, however, lose sight of a central question – will the actions that we take improve student performance? Everything else should be a secondary concern. On the surface it seems natural, an automatic. But answering that question honestly may force all of us to reexamine some long held beliefs. To answer
that question in the affirmative, may cause us to reprioritize, or to set aside political positions. For instance, if funding for students is being sacrificed for the purpose of paying for higher health insurance premiums, then don’t we owe it to our children to reset that balance?

We will have to be vigilant this session that in our effort to deal with an immediate financial shortfall, we do not make decisions that have positive short-term results with long-term consequences. The third test before us will be to ensure that our actions put Iowa on sound financial footing for the future. I believe this is the year when we turn the corner on our budgetary troubles, but only if we have the courage to make the truly difficult decisions. The states surrounding Iowa are turning to the taxpayers and asking for more in efforts to restore balance between revenues and spending. We will not do that.

Instead we must reprioritize. That won’t be easy. For example, we all know that if left unchecked, spending on Medicaid and collective bargaining will each outpace funding for education this year. Yet, which is our number one priority.

To be successful with all three of these tests; fostering the creation of wealth, improving student performance, and putting Iowa on sound financial footing for the future will require change from past practices. Yet what about state government has changed? We have the same Governor and Lieutenant Governor as last year. (You missed your applause line, Rep. Chiodo.) The leadership of the Iowa Senate is unchanged. Only here in the House have we seen real change. Over one third of us are serving our first term. Both caucuses have new leadership teams. The Iowa House is what has changed in the political equation; and as such we, the House, will have to be the agents of change for our state’s future.

In his address in 1903 Roosevelt told Iowans that “we will work out, all the problems, difficult though they be, which face us now, if we approach them in a spirit in which we shall combine courage, sanity, and jealous regard for the rights of others and the firm determination to permit no wrong on any else.” To do that today, means that we have to own up to mistakes we have made in the past, and right them. Ladies and gentlemen, mistakes have been made last year, and they must be corrected. We must restore the funds cut in the second special session to the property tax credits, and that is why it will be the first bill introduced for consideration. We must also recognize that public safety and corrections, the two primary functions of government, will need to have some of their funding restored.

Before I close, I want to thank you, the members of this General Assembly, for the high privilege of serving as your Speaker. I cannot put into words what it means to me. I would also be remiss if I did not introduce my family who is with me today, and without whose support I would not be able to serve in this position; my wife Trudy, my daughters Grace and Kait. I also have with me my brother Doug, my niece Sydney, and mother Carolyn.

I would also like to introduce my staff, Allison Kleis, the first staffer to stick with me for more than one session, Tim Albrecht and Becky Lorenz. While the door to the Speaker’s office is always open, today we are going to push it open a little wider, and I would invite all of you and your families to join us for a reception in my office in the Speaker’s Conference room after we recess.
I hope you will forgive one last Roosevelt quote, but I just finished William Morris's second biography of the former president and I believe his values and work ethic can be an inspiration to us all. Teddy Roosevelt was known as a President who believed in play. He said, “play hard while you play and when you work quit playing and work.” We've had our chance to play over the holidays; it’s now time to go to work. May we approach our challenges with the same courage and convictions that Roosevelt brought to Iowa one hundred years ago. Thank you.

PERMANENT CHIEF CLERK

Roberts of Carroll moved that Margaret A. Thomson be elected permanent Chief Clerk of the House.

The motion prevailed and Margaret A. Thomson was declared elected permanent Chief Clerk.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR

Horbach of Tama moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Governor that the House was duly organized and ready to receive any communication that he may desire to transmit.

The motion prevailed and the following committee was appointed: Horbach of Tama, Chair; Granzow of Hardin and Lykam of Scott.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Boal of Polk moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Senate that the House was duly organized and ready to receive any communication that the Senate may desire to transmit.

The motion prevailed and the following committee was appointed: Boal of Polk, Chair; Kramer of Polk and Wendt of Woodbury.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1

Gipp of Winneshiek asked and received unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of the following resolution and moved its adoption:

1. **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1**
2. By Rants and Myers
3. Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives, The
4. Senate Concurring, That a joint convention of the two
5. houses of the 2003 session of the Eightieth General
Assembly be held on Monday, January 13, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.; and

Be It Further Resolved, That at this joint convention the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor be canvassed and the results announced and recorded by law.
Be It Further Resolved, That Governor Thomas J. Vilsack be invited to deliver his condition of the state message at a joint convention of the two houses of the General Assembly on Tuesday, January 14, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., and that the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate be designated to extend the invitation to him.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2

Gipp of Winneshiek asked and received unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of the following resolution and moved its adoption:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2
By Rants and Myers
Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives, The Senate Concurring, That a joint convention of the two houses of the 2003 session of the Eightieth General Assembly be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2003, at 10:00 a.m.; and
Be it Further Resolved, That the Chief Justice Lavorato be invited to present his message of the condition of the judicial branch at this convention, and recommend such matters as the Chief Justice deems expedient pursuant to section 602.1207 of the Code.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3

Gipp of Winneshiek asked and received unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of the following resolution and moved its adoption:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3
By Rants and Myers
A Concurrent Resolution relating to appointment of a joint inaugural committee.
Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives, The Senate Concurring, That a joint committee be
The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

IMMEDIATE MESSAGE

Gipp of Winneshiek asked and received unanimous consent that House Concurrent Resolutions 1, 2 and 3 be immediately messaged to the Senate.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

Hoffman of Crawford placed in nomination the Honorable Danny Carroll as candidate for Speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives of the Eightieth General Assembly, preceding his nomination with the following remarks:

Thank you Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

Today I have the distinct privilege of nominating Representative Danny Carroll to the position of Speaker pro tempore of the Iowa House of Representatives.

We have many excellent, seasoned legislators in this chamber. This year we have more new members than we have had in the House in 10 years. New Legislators, you will be looking for people to be your mentors.

Four years ago I was a new member being sworn in for the first time. I was looking to the experienced legislators to find those who could be my mentors. I was looking for people who where intelligent, honest, loyal, and who possessed integrity and high moral standards. I wanted to find those legislators with whom I could share all of my concerns. The success I had gained in my life had resulted from exposing myself to people with these qualities.

A good legislative leader is also a person admired by his party and respected by the minority party.

Representative Danny Carroll is just such a leader. He was one of my first choices as a mentor. He is a fair-minded leader- a person who will always listen, evaluate the pros and cons of an issue, and then lead to the best solution for all of Iowa.

I am proud to have the opportunity to nominate Danny Carroll to the position of Speaker pro tempore.
Dolecheck of Ringgold seconded the nomination of Representative Carroll as Speaker pro tempore for the House of Representatives, preceding his nomination with the following remarks:

I have had the privilege of working closely with Representative Carroll over the last six years in the Iowa Legislature. I have served with him on the education committee where we have tackled many sensitive issues. Representative Carroll has handled the issues with integrity and with great respect for all individuals involved in the debate. I know as Speaker pro tempore, Danny will continue to treat his colleagues with this same respect, honesty, and integrity, without compromising the values for which he stands. It is this quality that I have come to admire most in Representative Carroll. I am very proud to second his nomination for Speaker pro tempore.

Huser of Polk seconded the nomination of Representative Carroll, preceding her nomination with the following remarks:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to second the nomination of Representative Danny Carroll for the position of Speaker pro tempore. I have worked often over the past few years with Representative Carroll and have a great deal of respect for his leadership skills. He cares about the Iowa House of Representatives and the men and women who serve in this Chamber. I know that he will serve honorably as our next Speaker pro tempore.

Mr. Speaker, I move that the Chief Clerk be directed to cast the votes of all the members of the House of Representatives for the Honorable Danny Carroll of Poweshiek County for Speaker pro tempore.

In accordance with the foregoing motion, the Chief Clerk cast the votes of all the members of the House of Representatives for the Honorable Danny Carroll as Speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives of the Eightieth General Assembly. The Honorable Danny Carroll of Poweshiek County, having received all of the votes cast for the office of Speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives of the Eightieth General Assembly, was declared duly elected to that office.

Dolecheck of Ringgold moved that a committee of two be appointed to escort the Speaker pro tempore to the chair.

The motion prevailed and the following committee was appointed: Hoffman of Crawford and Huser of Polk.

Representative Carroll was escorted to the Speaker’s station and, being duly sworn, offered the following remarks:
Speaker Rants, Majority Leader Gipp, Minority Leader Myers and members of the Eightieth General Assembly greetings and congratulations on your election to the Iowa House of Representatives. As respected members of your community and having the majority vote of your peers you deserve the respect and honor due a person who has made the personal sacrifice to run for public office. You are among a select few who have been chosen throughout this states past 158 years of history to represent the people.

By virtue of your position and the powers given that position by our constitution and the Iowa Code you have the right and authority to pass laws. By force of law you can require a person to turn over a portion of their earnings to the state. You have the authority to tax. In addition by your vote you can deprive someone of his or her freedom. People can be put in prison because of what we do here. Your impact on business and industry and the workers they employ can mean the difference between success and failure. In certain limited cases your actions and leadership can change the course of this states' history forever. Though you have only one vote out of a hundred, it is one vote.

People will, from now on, look up to you as someone with answers. As time passes you will become recognized in public places and will be given special attention consistent with the position you now hold. Your mail is now arriving in greater quantities and with the title of Honorable before your name. You are indeed important people and you deserve special recognition.

On the other hand many people right now do not even know we are here today. Many of our constituents don't realize when the legislature convenes or what the term “General Assembly” means. As time passes people will forget that you even won an election. Often our actions as members of this law making body are not noticed for weeks or months until the rules are written to implement what we have done. For many Iowans our presence here and the work we do goes on completely unnoticed.

In a way this assembly is like the rudder of a large ship. We are under water and out of sight. As a law making body just like a ships rudder we are an important part of the ship of state. Our actions will determine if the ship navigates safe waters or crashes on the rocks. We are few in number just like a rudder is small compared to the size of the rest of the vessel. But our size is not as important as our function. What we do is vital to the well being of the passengers on board this ship of state. If we are working in harmony with the rest of the components of the ship things go well. However, if the rudder of a ship is out of synch with the rest of the operation then confusion and trouble result.

I think the comparison is further appropriate in that our presence and importance should for the most part go unnoticed. As I said earlier you are deserving of special recognition. But just like the rudder of a ship is seldom seen so too should we be content to do our work without looking for special attention. As the Bible says in Luke 18:14, “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and he who humbles himself will be exalted”. Most of what we do here in the next few months should be to support an environment where the people of this state can grow and prosper. Government does not make the real accomplishments in life. Progress and success are the result of the hard work and discipline of our citizens. It comes from ordinary people, who get up every morning and go into the market place, assume risk, make investments and work
with their hands in order to create something of value. Government is often considered effective if it does nothing to hinder this free trade and the work of the people.

So remember as the rudder of this ship called Iowa you play an important role but the real work of production is being done on deck and in the engine room by our farmers, business owners and thousands of workers who are on the job every day putting together the pieces we call life in Iowa. Serve them with integrity and humility; stay the course of good government and you will have done the job we were sent here to do.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Boal of Polk, Chair of the committee appointed to notify the Senate that the House was ready to receive it in joint convention, reported that the committee had performed its duty.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR

Horbach of Tama, Chair of the committee appointed to notify the Governor that the House was ready to receive it in joint convention, reported that the committee had performed its duty.

COMMITTEE FROM THE SENATE

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

SPECIAL ORDER

Gipp of Winneshiek moved that the assignment of seats to the members of the House be made a special order for this afternoon at 1:30 p.m., which motion prevailed.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 1

Roberts of Carroll asked and received unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of the following resolution and moved its adoption:

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1   HOUSE RESOLUTION 1
2   By Roberts
3   Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives,
4   That each member of the House of Representatives shall
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be entitled to select and appoint a secretary, and such secretary may be called upon to aid in the discharge of the clerical work of the House of Representatives. Only expert typists will be considered qualified. The Speaker and Chief Clerk shall appoint their secretaries and pages to serve for the session, and the Chief Clerk is hereby authorized to employ such additional clerical assistance as her duties may require.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 2

Roberts of Carroll asked and received unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of the following resolution and moved its adoption:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 2
By Roberts

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives, That a committee of one be appointed to arrange for opening the sessions with prayer.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE

Tymeson of Madison moved that a committee of three be appointed to determine the mileage due each member and report the same to the House.

The motion prevailed and the following committee was appointed: Tymeson of Madison, Chair; Chambers of O'Brien and Stevens of Dickinson.

ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY RULES OF THE HOUSE

Roberts of Carroll moved that the permanent rules of the House and provisions for compensation of employees adopted by the Seventy-ninth General Assembly be the temporary rules and temporary compensation provisions for the House of the Eightieth General Assembly.

The motion prevailed.
REMARKS BY MINORITY LEADER

Myers of Johnson addressed the House as follows:

Good morning. I want to begin by calling your attention to the remarkable restoration work that has been accomplished in this Chamber since we were here last. This room has always been beautiful, but today its elegance is almost overwhelming. I want to compliment the legislators, staff, architects and workers who have directed this restoration and thank you on behalf of the generations of Iowans who will enjoy the fruits of your labors.

I also want to thank the members of the Democratic caucus for the opportunity to serve again as your leader and for the support you have shown me the past two years. It is has been an honor to hold this position.

And I want to welcome the 39 members of the House who were not in this Chamber last year, although six of you have served in the Legislature before. To the three former representatives who are once again serving in the House, welcome back. And to the three former senators who are now serving in the House, congratulations on seeing the light.

I have a few words of advice to the new members - reach out to your neighbors, Republicans and Democrats, and get to know them as people, not legislators. You will find you have more in common – jobs, kids, sports, hobbies – than you can imagine. And when you know your neighbor on a personal level, and you converse and share with them, it makes working together so much easier. I look forward to working with Majority Leader Gipp and Speaker Rants to give all the members more opportunities to get to know each other better.

We had another long and hard election season and Iowans have made their decisions in each of the one hundred districts. So it is time now to turn away from the partisanship of the campaigns and focus on governing this state.

If the campaign showed us one thing, it is that Democrats and Republicans have both promised to act on some fundamental issues. I believe we should set the stage for a cooperative and bipartisan session by acting on these shared priorities within the first month.

These include re-establishing our class size reduction program in the lower elementary grades; taking the next step in improving teacher compensation so that we ensure quality schools for Iowa kids; reversing the cuts to property tax credits for seniors, the disabled and veterans; creating a public-private partnership to help Iowa businesses take commercial advantage of research at our state universities; and stabilizing the increasingly dangerous situation in our prison system.

These issues are part of a larger agenda that Democrats believe is important to the future of Iowa. We believe this Legislature should concentrate its efforts in three major areas:

1. Managing and balancing the state budget.
2. Improving the economic security of Iowans today.
3. Modernizing Iowa and providing economic growth for Iowa’s future.

In times like these, when we cannot be everything to everyone, we must keep our focus. I believe that any diversion from these priorities in our view is a waste of our time and taxpayers' money.

In addition to the issues which I hope we can enact in the first month, Democrats have other priorities that we will present for consideration and debate. These include:

- Making income tax income tax rates more competitive and simplifying tax forms.
- Using the state’s buying power as a lever to lower prescription drug costs.
- Incorporating character education into all public school curricula.
- Requiring insurers to treat mental illness like any covered physical illness.
- Protecting the privacy of Iowans’ medical and financial records, and
- Raising the state’s minimum wage.

These priorities have no significant cost, yet they offer tremendous prospects for improving the financial security of Iowans today and for preparing the state’s economy for growth tomorrow.

It will be important to weigh the budget impact of all our decisions this year. Once again, due to the sluggish economy, the state budget will be extremely tight. Budget issues will no doubt command most of the headlines from now until we adjourn in April.

This will make the third consecutive year of very tough budgeting. In the past two years, state spending has been slashed significantly. Today, state government in Iowa is spending **LESS** than it did **four years ago**.

Yet, thanks to bipartisan cooperation, we have been able to improve public schools by reducing class sizes and improving teacher pay. The key is to set budget priorities and stick to them.

I am pleased that the majority party has decided to start the budget work early. I urge you to stay at it for as long as it takes to equip the members with sufficient knowledge to make intelligent and compassionate decisions. I did some research and came up with this startling fact: of the 63 House members serving on budget subcommittees, only 21 served on the same subcommittee last year. That means two-thirds of the subcommittee members have **no experience** with the budgets of the agencies and departments they are expected to oversee. It will require extensive hearing and discussion time for members to begin to grasp the mission and needs of the agencies and departments whose budgets they will recommend. We need to afford them that time.

Democrats are willing to be full partners in this legislative process. I look forward to working with Speaker Rants and Majority Leader Gipp. Mr. Speaker, I believe that through the years we have come to understand each other and have established a frank and cordial relationship, and we can build on that this year. And Mr. Gipp, you have a well-deserved reputation as a legislator who prefers consensus to confrontation, and that could lead us to some great things. Because I believe the public is best served when we work collectively toward the same goals.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and ladies and gentleman. Let's get down to business.

REMARKS BY MAJORITY LEADER

Gipp of Winneshiek addressed the House as follows:

Thank you Mr. Speaker! Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Welcome to the Iowa House. After 12 years of serving in this body and after 12 years of opening day sessions, I have yet to tire of hearing that greeting. It is still exciting to drive up Grand Avenue, view this magnificent building and think that I actually get to work here. Think about it! Iowa has been a state since 1846. Of the millions that have called Iowa home, we are the few that have ever worked in this chamber and sat at these desks. It is a great honor to do so, but with that honor comes a tremendous responsibility to those that have entrusted us with this office. For those of us that are returning, we begin anew our service to Iowans; to the many whose names appear on the voting machine board for the first time, welcome to the team.

While many of us are new to the job, many of the problems we will face are not. Once again we will struggle to find ways to balance state revenues with expenditures. Not only does our constitution require us to do so, Iowans demand that we do so. With built-in spending obligations approaching $400 million and new revenues of $100 million, we have a difficult job ahead. I contend that we can no longer use stop gap methods of the past—using one time dollars and across the board cuts. Instead we must identify and prioritize the essential functions of state government. What are the statutory and constitutional responsibilities of state government?

The top priorities for everyone should be public safety and education. It is the primary responsibility of state government to ensure the safety of its citizens as well as providing educational opportunities that allow for productive taxpaying citizens. All other programs are in descending order on the priority ladder. Somewhere on that ladder we will have program number 88, 89 and 90. In order to preserve resources to appropriately fund our priorities of public safety and education, we are going to have to eliminate, albeit good stuff, programs lower on the priority list. From 12 years of serving in this body, I know that is easier said than done, but we must do it!

In the long term, we have to spur growth in this state. We can ill afford to remain last in business start-ups, capital formation, and population growth while states around us are moving ahead. We must improve our business climate by changing our tax structure and regulatory environment. It is not a matter of offering more business incentives as much as removing obstacles for those wanting to do business in this state. Job growth will result in population growth as our young return to this state after finding that the grass is not greener someplace else.

As always, there will be dozens of other issues, some expected and some unexpected, that will be considered in this chamber.

Representative Myers! I look forward to working with you and the members of your caucus. In my years of service, I have never assumed that the majority party had sole ownership of all the good ideas. We will work with you on issues that we agree on as well as attempt to bridge the differences on issues on which we do not agree. Be
assured that I will do my best to keep you apprised of bills we will debate. What I will
not do is settle any differences on the golf course unless I get a lot of strokes.

Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen—we have lots to do—let's get started.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

**House File 1**, by Rants, a bill for an act relating to the allowance of and reimbursement for the homestead, agricultural land, and elderly and disabled property tax credits, increasing appropriations previously reduced, and providing an effective date.

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

**House File 2**, by Rants, J.K. Van Fossen, Boal, Rayhons, Kramer, D. Hanson, De Boef, Baudler, Chambers, Drake, Manternach, Hutter, Dix, J.R. Van Fossen, Elgin, Greiner, Lalk, Carroll, Tymesogen, Boggess, Rasmussen, Watts, Huseman, Upmeyer, S. Olson, and Hahn, a bill for an act relating to the percentage of property valuation in each county and city that is subject to the ad valorem property tax and providing for the Act’s applicability.

Read first time and referred to committee on **ways and means**.

**House File 3**, by Boal and Roberts, a bill for an act relating to the monetary value of equipment purchased through a lease-purchase option agreement for which physical plant and equipment levy revenue may be expended.

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

**House File 4**, by Wise, Mascher, Bukta, Myers, D. Olson, Quirk, Petersen, Ford, Miller, Stevens, Lensing, Winckler, Cohoon, Mertz, Wendt, Frevert, Berry, Gaskill, Jochum, Swaim, Hogg, Whitaker, Chiodo, Connors, Kuhn, Greimann, Foege, Osterhaus, Struyk, Reasoner, Smith, Murphy, Oldson, Whitead, Lykam, Thomas, Dandekar, and McCarthy, a bill for an act making an appropriation for and extending the existence of the Iowa early intervention block grant program, and providing an effective date.

Read first time and referred to committee on **appropriations**.
House File 5, by Thomas, Reasoner, Murphy, Oldson, Whitead, Smith, Lykam, Quirk, D. Olson, Myers, Bukta, Mascher, Whitaker, Swaim, Jochum, Gaskill, Berry, Frevert, Wendt, Mertz, Cohoon, Winckler, Lensing, Stevens, Miller, Ford, Petersen, Struyk, Foege, and Dandekar, a bill for an act creating an Iowa new economy council.

Read first time and referred to committee on economic growth.

House File 6, by Wise, Mascher, Bukta, Myers, D. Olson, Ford, Miller, Stevens, Lensing, Winckler, Cohoon, Mertz, Wendt, Frevert, Berry, Gaskill, Jochum, Swaim, Chiodo, Connors, Kuhn, Greimann, Foege, Osterhaus, Struyk, Reasoner, Smith, Murphy, Oldson, Whitead, Lykam, Thomas, and Quirk, a bill for an act relating to character education, service learning, and the educational program, and providing for related matters.

Read first time and referred to committee on education.

House File 7, by Jochum, a bill for an act relating to qualification for membership on the board of educational examiners.

Read first time and referred to committee on education.

House File 8, by Connors and Jacobs, a bill for an act relating to a midwest interstate passenger rail compact and providing an effective date.

Read first time and referred to committee on state government.

House File 9, by Lykam, Reasoner, Murphy, Oldson, Whitead, Smith, Thomas, Ford, Stevens, Lensing, Cohoon, Mertz, Frevert, Berry, Jochum, Swaim, Hogg, Whitaker, Mascher, Myers, Bukta, Osterhaus, Foege, Greimann, Kuhn, and Connors, a bill for an act relating to telecommunication services, including creating restrictions for telephone solicitors and the use of telemarketing equipment, requiring written contracts associated with telephone solicitations prior to the fund transfers or charges, establishing registration for persons choosing not to receive certain telephone solicitations, regulating certain aspects of prepaid calling services, establishing a
private cause of action, requiring consumer notification of rights, providing for the establishment of fees, and providing penalties.

Read first time and referred to committee on commerce, regulation and labor.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The Speaker announced the following appointments to the standing committees of the House:

ADMINISTRATION AND RULES – 14 Members

Roberts, Chair
Boal*
Bukta**
Carroll
Chiodo
Manternach
Rants
Gipp
Jacobs
Klemme
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Myers
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Stevens

AGRICULTURE – 21 Members

Drake, Chair
Olson, S.*
Kuhn**
Alons
Baudler
Chiodo
Davitt
De Boef
Dolecheck
Frevert
Greiner
Huseman
Klemme
Lalk
Manternach
Mertz
Rayhons
Stevens
Swaim
Whitaker

APPROPRIATIONS – 25 Members

Dix, Chair
Jenkins*
Murphy**
Alons
Bell
Boggess
Chambers
Dandekar
DeBoef
Dolecheck
Eichhorn
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Raecker
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Taylor, T.
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Wilderdyke
Wise

COMMERCE, REGULATION AND LABOR – 23 Members

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Sands*
Petersen**
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Connors**

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Mertz**

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Hoffman
Sands
Wilderdyke*
Gaskill
Hogg
Schickel
Ford**

EDUCATION – 9 Members
Dolecheck, Chair
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Tymeson
Winckler**

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- Judiciary
- Local Government, Vice Chair
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Don Shoultz
- Environmental Protection
- Public Safety
- Ways and Means, Ranking Member

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Cindy Winckler  
Education  
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RULE 57 SUSPENDED

Gipp of Winneshiek asked and received unanimous consent to suspend Rule 57, relating to committee notice and agenda, for a meeting of the committee on administration and rules, at 3:00 p.m.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Whitaker of Van Buren introduced to the House, former Representative and former Lieutenant Governor, Jo Ann Zimmerman.

The House rose and expressed its welcome.

On motion by Gipp of Winneshiek, the House was recessed at 11:25 a.m., until 1:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The House reconvened at 1:35 p.m., Speaker Rants in the chair.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following messages were received from the Senate:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has on January 13, 2003, adopted the following resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate was asked:

House Concurrent Resolution 1, a concurrent resolution designating a joint convention of the two houses of the 2003 session of the Eightieth General Assembly be held on Monday, January 13, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Also: That the Senate has on January 13, 2003, adopted the following resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate was asked:

House Concurrent Resolution 2, a concurrent resolution designating a joint convention on Wednesday, January 15, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. for Chief Justice Lavorato to deliver his condition of the judicial branch message.

Also: That the Senate has on January 13, 2003, adopted the following resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate was asked:
House Concurrent Resolution 3, a concurrent resolution relating to the appointment of a joint inaugural committee.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Arnold of Lucas moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Senate that the House was ready to receive it in joint convention.

The motion prevailed and the Speaker appointed as such committee: Arnold of Lucas, Greiner of Washington and Davitt of Warren.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Arnold of Lucas, chair of the committee to notify the Senate that the House was ready to receive it in joint convention, reported that the committee had performed its duty.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the President of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate and the honorable body of the Senate.

The President was escorted to the Speaker’s station, the Secretary of the Senate to the Chief Clerk’s desk and the members of the Senate were seated in the House chamber.

JOINT CONVENTION

In accordance with law and the concurrent resolution duly adopted, the joint convention was called to order, President Kramer presiding.

Senator Iverson moved that the roll call be dispensed with and that the President of the joint convention be authorized to declare a quorum present.

The motion prevailed.
President Kramer announced a quorum present and the joint convention duly organized.

CANVASS OF VOTES

President Kramer announced that the time had arrived for the canvass of votes for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor at the General Election held on November 5, 2002, and announced as teller on the part of the Senate, Senator Shull of Warren, and assistant tellers Senators McKibben of Marshall and Dvorsky of Johnson, and as teller on the part of the House, Representative Carroll of Poweshiek, and assistant tellers, Representatives Upmeyer of Hancock and Jochum of Dubuque.

President Kramer further announced that, in accordance with statute, the six tellers just named would constitute the judges of said canvass.

The joint convention stood at ease at 1:46 p.m., until the fall of the gavel.

The joint convention resumed session at 2:04 p.m., President Kramer of Polk in the chair.

The returns were opened in the presence of the joint convention and the tellers then proceeded to canvass the vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Iowa, cast at the General Election held on November 5, 2002.

Representative Gipp moved that the joint convention recess until 10:00 a.m., January 14, 2003.

The motion prevailed and the joint convention was recessed at 2:06 p.m.

The House reconvened at 2:08 p.m., Speaker Rants in the chair.

SPECIAL ORDER

The hour for the special order having arrived, the members were requested to vacate their seats.
The drawing of seats was as follows:

1. Speaker of the House Rants—floor seat
2. Speaker pro tempore Carroll
3. Majority Floor Leader Gipp
4. Minority Floor Leader Myers
5. Assistant Floor Leaders —
6. Members with defective sight, hearing and physical disability
7. Drawing by seniority:
   a. Former Speaker
   b. Returning members, by seniority
   c. New members

The drawing of seats proceeded with the following results:

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Gipp of Winneshiek moved that the assignment of seats be accepted as listed.

The motion prevailed.

The House stood at ease at 2:49 p.m., until the fall of the gavel.

The House resumed session at 3:16 p.m., Speaker Rants in the chair.

EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE

Roberts of Carroll moved that the recommendations of the House committee on administration and rules, regarding employees of the House, be accepted and that those named employees be elected as employees of the House.

The motion prevailed and the following named persons were duly elected.

EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE

Margaret Thomson – Chief Clerk
Susan K. Jennings – Assistant Chief Clerk I
Paulee Lipsman – Senior Caucus Staff Director
Jeffrey G. Mitchell – Senior Caucus Staff Director
Timothy J. Albrecht – Administrative Assistant to Speaker
Allison G. Door Kleis – Administrative Assistant II to Speaker
Carolyn McNeil Gaukel – Administrative Assistant III to Leader
Mark W. Brandsgard – Senior Administrative Assistant to Leader
Susan D. Severino – Senior Administrative Assistant to Leader
A. Kathleen Eaton – Legislative Secretary
Judith K. Elliott – Legislative Secretary
Catherine Evans – Legislative Secretary
Martha L. Fullerton – Legislative Secretary
Clare Gannon – Legislative Secretary
Camille Gjovig – Legislative Secretary
Donna W. Greenwood – Legislative Secretary
Autumn L. Griffieon – Legislative Secretary
Wade Haldeman – Legislative Secretary
Mike Halloran – Legislative Secretary
RaMona Hanson – Legislative Secretary
Vikki R. Hanson – Legislative Secretary
Dave Inbody – Legislative Secretary
Janet Haselhoff – Legislative Secretary
H. Kay Jenkins – Legislative Secretary
Janet M. Jones – Legislative Secretary
Cassie Kerner – Legislative Secretary
Traci Klein – Legislative Secretary
Karen F. Klemme – Legislative Secretary
Erin T. Kreiman – Legislative Secretary
Tony Kruse – Legislative Secretary
Debrah Lalk – Legislative Secretary
Jamie Leyland – Legislative Secretary
Karen A. Lischer – Legislative Secretary
Jenny Mcarville – Legislative Secretary
Linda McCarthy – Legislative Secretary
Kyle S. McCullough – Legislative Secretary
Maureen Meyer – Legislative Secretary
Twyla L. Miller – Legislative Secretary
Diane E. Nandell – Legislative Secretary
Jean W. Nelson – Legislative Secretary
Josh Nichols – Legislative Secretary
Lacee R. Oliver – Legislative Secretary
Jean P. Olson – Legislative Secretary
Ann D. Osterhaus – Legislative Secretary
Janet R. Ramsay – Legislative Secretary
Sheila M. Rasmussen – Legislative Secretary
Ben Roed – Legislative Secretary
Mary M. Sanders – Legislative Secretary
Bob Santi – Legislative Secretary
Todd Schmidt – Legislative Secretary
Dianne G. Shoultz – Legislative Secretary
Damien Specht – Legislative Secretary
Jean Tannatt – Legislative Secretary
Rosemary G. Thomas – Legislative Secretary
Amber K. Tischer – Legislative Secretary
Eileen M. Tyler – Legislative Secretary
Blake A. Upmeyer – Legislative Secretary
Jessica Van Fossen – Legislative Secretary
Darlene A. VanOort – Legislative Secretary
Priscilla Verdoorn – Legislative Secretary
John Warner – Legislative Secretary
Anita Wendt – Legislative Secretary
Mark Yegge – Legislative Secretary
Clarice E. Alons – Legislative Committee Secretary
Nick Barrett – Legislative Committee Secretary
Jill J. Beni – Legislative Committee Secretary
Susan M. Betsinger – Legislative Committee Secretary
Opal M. Bigham – Legislative committee Secretary
Lindsey Boo – Legislative committee Secretary
Jacob Bossman – Legislative Committee Secretary
Megan Bradfield – Legislative Committee Secretary
Mary Beth Danzer – Legislative Committee Secretary
Dawn R. Dillman – Legislative Committee Secretary
Shirley J. Drake – Legislative Committee Secretary
Kelley A. Fifer – Legislative Committee Secretary
Brooke A. Findley – Legislative Committee Secretary
Carol F. Hansen – Legislative Committee Secretary
Lynn M. Hoffman – Legislative Committee Secretary
Marlene J. Martens – Legislative Committee Secretary
Melba K. Murken – Legislative Committee Secretary
Martha S. Raecker – Legislative Committee Secretary
Brandon J. Renz – Legislative Committee Secretary
Vinita J. Smith – Legislative Committee Secretary
Betty J. Sorenson – Legislative Committee Secretary
Mary Lee A. Stephens – Legislative Committee Secretary
Barbara B. Wennerstrum – Legislative Committee Secretary
Kara L. Wilber – Legislative Committee Secretary
Mildred E. Stewart – Bill Clerk
Marie A. Kirby – Assistant Bill Clerk
William C. Walling – Postmaster
Wilbur N. Rhoads – Sergeant-at-Arms
Maynard L. Boatwright – Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
Gerald V. Orman – Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
Herbert J. Beyer – Doorkeeper
Charles L. Fogelson – Doorkeeper
Gary D. Lynch – Doorkeeper
Howard H. Scott, Sr. – Doorkeeper
Robert B. Yeager – Doorkeeper

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PRESENTATION OF VISITORS

The Speaker announced that the following visitors were present in the House chamber:


COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

The following communications were received and filed in the office of the Chief Clerk:

BOARD OF REGENTS
College Bound and IMAGES Programs

Annual report, pursuant to Chapter 262.92 and 269.93, Code of Iowa.

Annual report from the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics, pursuant to Chapter 263A.13, Code of Iowa.
Annual report on the status of the sale of the Iowa State University Ankeny Experimental Farm, pursuant to Chapter 81, Code of Iowa.


DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP
Office of Renewable Fuels and Co-Products

Eighth annual report, pursuant to Chapter 159A.7, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Iowa Utilities Board

2001 annual report, pursuant to Chapters 7A.1, 7A.10, and 476.16, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Violator Program and Violator Aftercare Program

Legislative report, pursuant to Chapter 904.207, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Recommendations on the Pilot for Implementations of Career Path, pursuant to Chapter 256.7, Code of Iowa.

Team-Based Variable Pay: Report of the Iowa Pilot Project, pursuant to Chapter 256.19, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Report on State Maximum Allowable Costs (SMAC) Programs, pursuant to Chapter 217.21(3), Code of Iowa.

Annual report of savings for FY02, pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS

Fiscal year 2002 annual report, pursuant to Chapter 7E.3(4), Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bi-annual report pertaining to regulation of Iowa’s public utilities, pursuant to Chapter 475A, Code of Iowa.

Report on study of the organization of offices of clerks of the district court, pursuant to Chapter 176, Code of Iowa.
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT
Utility Property Tax Replacement

Annual status report, pursuant to Chapter 437A.15(7), Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Iowa's 2001 Public Drinking Water Program Annual Compliance Report, pursuant to Chapter 455B.105(5), Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL


Final 2002 Early Termination Report, pursuant to Chapter 70A.38, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Center for Health Statistics

The 2001 Termination of Pregnancy Report, pursuant to Chapter 144.29A, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND FINANCE

Tax Gap Compliance Project

Annual report, pursuant to Chapter 421.17(22A), Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The fourth annual recalculation of the construction and maintenance needs of roads under the jurisdiction of each county, pursuant to Chapter 307A.2(14A), Code of Iowa.

Annual report, pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

A report on a study concerning close-clearance conditions near railroad tracks, pursuant to Chapter 24, Code of Iowa.

Center For Transportation Research and Education

Study to survey the highway and street equipment procurement policies and use of such equipment by all entities receiving Road Use Tax Funds, pursuant to Chapter 32 Acts of the Seventy-ninth General Assembly.

Midwest Regional Rail Passenger Initiative

Status report, pursuant to Chapter 327J.3(5), Code of Iowa.

DIVISION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Annual report, pursuant to Chapter 216A.77(8), Code of Iowa.
ENERGY FUND DISBURSEMENT COUNCIL

Oil Overcharge Funds, pursuant to Chapter 473.11(7), Code of Iowa.

IOWA CITIZEN FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD

Annual Report, pursuant to Chapter 237.18(2b), Code of Iowa.

IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

Appropriation from the Tobacco Capitalization Fund, pursuant to Chapter 28E.8, Code of Iowa.

Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission Report, Review of Maintenance Contract, pursuant to Chapter 8D.3(3)(g), Code of Iowa.

The Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission (ITTC) five-year financial plan, pursuant to Chapter 8D.3.3.f, Code of Iowa.

Summary of identified savings with the Iowa Communications Network use of the Network during Fiscal Year 2002, pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

Iowa Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Annual report, pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

IOWA COMPREHENSIVE PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FUND BOARD

The April 2002 notice of intended action, pursuant to Chapters 17A.8(6) and 455G.4(3)(a), Code of Iowa.

IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM

ICN annual report, pursuant to Chapter 97B.61, Code of Iowa.

Annual report, pursuant to Chapter 421.17(22A), Code of Iowa.

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Annual Surcharge Office Report, pursuant to Chapter 96.7, Code of Iowa.

OFFICE OF CITIZENS’ AIDE/OMBUDSMAN

The 2001 Annual Report, pursuant to Chapter 2C, Code of Iowa.

On motion by Gipp of Winneshiek the House adjourned at 3:17 p.m., until 8:45 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2003.