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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

First Calendar Day - First Session Day

Hall of the House of Representatives
Des Moines, Iowa, Monday, January 9, 2006

Pursuant to chapter two (2), section two point one (2.1), Code of Iowa, the House of Representative of the Eighty-first General Assembly of Iowa, 2006 Regular Session, convened at 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 9, 2006.

The House was called to order by the Honorable Christopher Rants, Speaker of the House.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Ron Burcham, pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Urbandale. He was the guest of Representative Scott Raecker of Polk County.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Speakers Page, Elizabeth Johnson from Stratford.

The Journal of Friday, May 20, 2005 was approved.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR

Kurtenbach of Story 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: Kurtenbach of Story, Lalk of Fayette and Bukta of Clinton.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Jenkins of Black Hawk 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: Jenkins of Black Hawk, Boal of Polk and Foege of Linn.

ADOPTION OF [HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 101](#)

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

1 [House Concurrent Resolution 101](#)
2 By Rants and Murphy
3 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives, The*
4 *Senate Concurring,* That a joint convention of the two
5 houses of the 2006 session of the Eighty-first General
6 Assembly be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at
7 10:00 a.m.; and
8 *Be It Further Resolved,* That Governor Thomas J.
9 Vilsack be invited to deliver his budget message at
10 this joint convention of the two houses of the General
11 Assembly, and that the Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives and the Co-Presidents of the Senate be
13 designated to extend the invitation to him.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

ADOPTION OF [HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 102](#)

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

1 [House Concurrent Resolution 102](#)
2 By Rants and Murphy
3 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives, The*
4 *Senate Concurring,* That a joint convention of the two
5 houses of the 2006 session of the Eighty-first General
6 Assembly be held on Wednesday, January 11, at
7 10:00 a.m.; and
8 *Be It Further Resolved,* That Chief Justice Lavorato
9 be invited to present his message of the condition of
10 the judicial branch at this convention, and recommend
11 such matters as the Chief Justice deems expedient,
12 pursuant to section 602.1207 of the Code.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

IMMEDIATE MESSAGES

Gipp of Winneshiek asked and received unanimous consent that **House Concurrent Resolutions 101** and **102** be immediately messaged to the Senate.

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER

Speaker Rants addressed the House as follows:

Good morning and welcome back. I trust that everyone rested up over the holiday season, so that you are ready to roll up your sleeves and go to work.

I think we all already know this, but I want to call to your attention two members of our House who are not with us today. Representative Zirklebach will not be with us this year. Ray is currently stationed with the 1st of the 133 Infantry Battalion of the Iowa Army National Guard Unit on duty in Iraq. His empty seat will be a constant reminder to us all of the sacrifices that over 1,000 Iowa guardsmen and women from the Mississippi to the Missouri make on our behalf everyday. I know that every member of this chamber will say a prayer for his safe return home to his family.

Also missing this morning is Representative Freeman. Mary Lou underwent breast cancer surgery last week. I spoke with Mary Lou last night. She sounded great, she told me the surgery was a success and was very optimistic about her prognosis. She assured me that she'd be back at her desk very shortly and that I wasn't to re-assign any bills or committees. Again, I know that every member of this chamber will say a prayer for her healing, and a healthy return to this chamber.

If you've followed the news leading up to this morning, you've seen a common thread running through most of the stories. All of these folks along press row have said it a dozen different ways, and it goes something like this – the conventional wisdom is that the approaching election means very little will get done this year.

Shortly after hearing that, one of the members of the press asked me what Teddy Roosevelt quote I was going to use this morning, and I thought "Balderdash" would be a pretty succinct response to this supposed conventional wisdom. But I think this Teddy-ism is more apt...

"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."

I am confident this House shall do neither – fail, nor fail to try.

Election years don't offer any respite to Iowa's employers, and so they come to us with high expectations that we will improve our economy and their business climate. They are concerned that their efforts to expand their businesses and job opportunities are thwarted by three key factors – high cost of health insurance, students entering the workforce without today's requisite skills, and an overwhelming property tax burden.

Already, members of this House have been working on various plans to make health insurance more accessible and more affordable. Some have focused on group purchasing plans, modeling their reforms after what has been enacted in states like Texas. Others have worked in the area of re-insurance to help existing carriers hold down their cost like the New York model. Regardless of the scenario, Iowa's employers, and their workers are looking to us this year for action – pending elections are no excuse for lack of effort. To be sure, this is a vexing and difficult problem, but I'm confident that working together we can tackle it and come away with the results Iowans are looking for.

Iowa's recently minted quarter reminds us that our foundation is in education and that we must build on that foundation. Yet Grant Wood's one room schoolhouse depiction of that foundation is no longer sufficient to meet the demands placed on today's students. Today's modern workforce requirements demand that we raise the bar in the areas of math and science. To ensure that happens, student performance indicators must be made current and relevant. Successful students need positive parental involvement so we must find more opportunities for parents to be involved in their youngsters' learning. The community stakeholders of education; the taxpayers and employers, need more information about what is taking place in today's classrooms, and how their investments are being spent. We should act to provide that accountability at the local level. For those that have their noses to the grindstone, their education in an Iowa high school must not be a limiting factor, and we must provide them opportunities to get a jumpstart on their college or associates degree to prepare them for their own place in Iowa's workforce.

When it comes to property taxes, last year this House passed in bi-partisan fashion [House File 847](#) – a bill whose aim was to stop the piling on of property taxes on those that we expect to create jobs in this state. While we did our job in this chamber, our colleagues in the Senate have chosen to bottle it up in committee. We must not be content to say that we did our part, and there is nothing more to do. Instead we must return again to this issue. It's uncommon to pass the same bill twice in a General Assembly, but I believe that we must. Small business owners across Iowa say that this issue is too important to let die. So let us take this opportunity to start this legislation again, and work to encourage our counterparts to build the same bi-partisan coalition that was successful here.

Those three areas of high expectations are only the start when it comes to energizing our economy. There is more that we can do. This fall's interim study committee on border city taxation gave its unanimous endorsement of a plan to create two pilot projects in the state – we should enact that proposal as swiftly as possible.

Due to a pending sunset clause, we must re-visit our enterprise zone legislation. We should use this opportunity to expand this highly successful initiative to create intermodal enterprise zones where highways, navigable waterways, rail, and air transportation all come together to capitalize on these unique offerings to create hubs of commerce.

Jobs and prosperity can be returned to the oldest parts of our communities if we encourage redevelopment of their historic property. This can be accomplished by changing to an income based assessment of qualified historic properties, eliminating the cap for qualified historic preservation efforts in an enterprise zone and freezing the base valuation of such a project during its reconstruction. By reclaiming buildings rather than tearing them down, we can rebuild the downtown districts of our cities that are all too often looking down – rather than looking up.

The pundits have questioned whether or not we can do the job this year. Roosevelt admonished, "When you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em, 'Certainly I can!' Then get busy and find out how to do it." I believe that we already know how – so now its time to get busy.

I wish for all of you, a busy and successful year. Thank you.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR

Kurtenbach of Story, Chair of the committee to notify the Governor that the House was duly organized and ready to receive any communication he might desire to transmit, reported that the committee had performed its duty.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Jenkins of Black Hawk, Chair of the committee to notify the Senate that the House was duly organized and ready to receive any communication that the Senate might desire to transmit, reported that the committee had performed its duty.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

REMARKS BY THE MINORITY LEADER

Minority Leader Murphy addressed the House as follows:

Good morning and welcome back to the Capitol. It is good to see everyone again. This is the third year that I've been honored to stand as Democratic Leader to address the House on opening day, and I want to thank the members of the Democratic caucus for their continued trust and support.

I want to begin by making note of two members of my caucus. First, I'd like to welcome back Representative Mark Kuhn. Mark suffered a farm accident last fall that caused serious injury to his legs and he will be rehabilitating and recuperating as the session goes on. We are glad you could be here for opening day, Mark, and we wish you a speedy recovery.

Another Democrat, Ray Zirkelbach, is not here today. Ray's National Guard unit is scheduled to be deployed soon to Iraq and he will miss the entire legislative session. We want to extend our best wishes to Ray for a safe tour of duty, and to his wife, Emily, who is expecting their first child this spring.

To honor Ray's service to his country and to remind us daily of the sacrifices made by all of our servicemen and women, I would like to ask Representative Gipp to join Senator Tom Hancock and me in placing an American flag on Ray's desk.

Since we last met in this chamber, America suffered one of its worst natural disasters when Hurricane Katrina devastated large parts of Louisiana and Mississippi. Our hearts went out to the people who lost loved ones and saw their homes and possessions literally washed away.

The rest of America was affected, too. We saw gasoline prices rise to unprecedented highs. We were told it was because of hurricane-related damage to oil facilities in the gulf. But we later found out that oil companies used the disaster to rip-off the American public and reap the record profits they reported last fall.

It rightfully angers and frustrates us when someone takes advantage of us and we feel powerless to hold them accountable. It's not just the oil companies; it's a major problem throughout America today. People simply refuse to accept responsibility when they don't live up to their obligations. There is always an excuse or someone else to blame when something goes wrong.

In Iowa, we are raised learning to take personal responsibility for our families and our lives. At our core, we still believe in doing the right thing even when no one is looking. And when we make mistakes, we understand the consequences.

Iowans believe that if we work hard and play by the rules we will prosper, but we expect others to live by those rules as well. Democrats share that belief. As we enter the 2006 session, Iowa House Democrats are pursuing a bold agenda that demands greater accountability, sets higher standards, and requires more personal responsibility from every Iowan. By working together, we can create greater economic opportunity, improve education, make health care more affordable, and attract good-paying jobs to Iowa.

America's energy future is at the mercy of price-gouging oil companies and volatile Middle East governments who are accountable to no one. But Iowa is uniquely positioned to break their stranglehold on our economy. Iowa has energy alternatives – corn-based ethanol, soy-based diesel, and wind energy - that can reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. Democrats want to bring our universities together with the bio-tech industry to make Iowa a world leader in the research and development of alternative fuels and renewable energy. Let's make alternative energy a key focus of the Iowa Values Fund. And let's encourage more sales of 85% ethanol blended gasoline.

Iowans who work hard and demonstrate personal responsibility deserve a fair wage. But the minimum wage hasn't been increased in over ten years. It is still \$5.15 an hour. A worker putting in 50 hours a week at the minimum wage still only earns \$13,000 a year. That's not enough for a responsible Iowan who is trying to make enough to get off welfare. Last year, leadership didn't allow the minimum wage bill to be debated. This session, we should reward hard work by raising the minimum wage in Iowa by a dollar an hour.

We need to raise standards and demand greater accountability from our public schools, too. Teachers must be certified as proficient in the subjects they teach. Teachers need more authority to enforce discipline in the classroom so children learn personal responsibility and accountability at an early age. Students must meet higher standards in reading, math, science and history before they're allowed to graduate.

And it is disgraceful that Iowa has slipped in national teacher pay rankings. You get what you pay for, and Iowa can't continue to attract and retain top quality teachers if their pay is not competitive. We need to raise teacher pay this year.

Most small businesses, farmers and self-employed Iowans want to take responsibility and provide health insurance for themselves, their families and their

employees, but high costs make it nearly impossible. Democrats want to create health care insurance purchasing pools that allow individuals, farmers and small businesses to join together to leverage their buying power and negotiate for lower health insurance premiums.

Democrats support the Iowa Values Fund that is helping attract high-tech jobs that pay good wages and benefits – the kind of jobs that can support a family. And we will insist that companies receiving state economic assistance are accountable for holding up their end of their job-creating bargain. But we must also reward workers who take personal responsibility to learn the skills they need to get a new or better job. We should work with our community colleges and local businesses to expand vocational education programs to give workers the technical skills they need to compete in this new economy.

This is an ambitious but realistic set of goals. As lawmakers, we have the opportunity and the strength to stand up to the powerful interests that impose their will on our lives and our livelihoods with impunity. What Iowans feel powerless to accomplish as individuals can be and must be achieved by Iowans working in concert through their legislators. We have to act, and we have to act now.

In simple terms, it's about choosing sides. Either you take the side of middle class families who demand and deserve accountability in energy costs, health insurance, school quality, and economic growth, or you cave in to the special interests that bully Iowans without fear of penalty or consequence.

Democrats believe that hardworking Iowans who play by the rules should be rewarded with the prosperity they've earned. Let's remove the roadblocks to success that the irresponsibility of others places in Iowans' way. Let's stop getting pushed around by the special interests and start to push back. This is our state. It's time to restore order and put Iowans back in charge.

REMARKS BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

Majority Leader Gipp addressed the House as follows:

Thank You Mr. Speaker!

Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House! Welcome back to the Capitol for the 2nd session of the 81st General Assembly.

It is my sincere hope that you were able to find some time to relax and be reacquainted with family and friends. If not, it is too late because we have serious work to do, beginning today!

Many observers of the legislative process expect little to be accomplished this session--You know it is an election year; the Senate is deadlocked and the House nearly so. Naysayers surmise that we will simply "slop together a budget"; get some key political votes on hot button issues and then sneak out of town in order to campaign for the November elections.

Let me remind you that that is the same thing that was being said prior to the last session. The House responded with a very productive year:

We passed a balanced budget that funded our shared priorities of public safety, education and healthcare.

- * a far reaching Medicaid reform bill
- * a prescription drug clearinghouse
- * mental health parity
- * pseudo ephedrine control bill which has sharply reduced meth labs
- * improvements to sex offender registry
- * telephone deregulation
- * alternative energy
- * deer reduction
- * expansion of the child dependent tax credit
- * and reauthorization of the Values Fund which allows us to compete for business expansion with other states, funds research at our universities as well as job training at the community colleges.

That is just some of the issues that this body passed last session. I expect that we will put forth the same effort this session in spite of expectations to the contrary!

We will once again pass a balanced budget that funds our priorities of education and public safety. As always, all levels of education will get "the lions share" of new revenue. But unlike last year, we must provide for a budget that is sustainable. Last year's spending increases approached 7½ percent over the previous year. If we pass a similar budget this year, we are setting ourselves up for tax increases and or across-the-board cuts in the immediate future.

I have been a member of this body long enough to experience the ups and downs of economic cycles. Historically, Iowa's economy will support a 2½ to 3 percent revenue growth. That is what the Revenue Estimating Conference is predicting again for this year. To spend more than that will be irresponsible and is not sustainable. Those of you who wish to spend more on your priorities had better come with corresponding reductions or better yet, elimination of other budget line items and that is not the sole responsibility of the majority party. Failure to do so will once again usher in another era of raids on nearly empty reserve funds and trust accounts, slashed budgets or tax increases.

Remember--it is our constitutional as well as statutory responsibility to pass a balanced budget. It is our moral responsibility to pass a budget that is sustainable!

In the end, we must experience growth in population as well as in income producing businesses if we are to become a vibrant state. While a Values Fund provides a tool to promote economic expansion, it is only one tool. We must continue to improve our job creation climate through our tax code as well as our regulatory climate.

That is why we must pass a phase-out of our tax on pensions and social security!

One of the obstacles to growth in small businesses in Iowa is the lack of entrepreneurial wealth in our state. By some standards, we are 50th out of all 50 states for wealth available to invest in start-up companies. It should come as no surprise

since we continue to chase retirees out of Iowa to states with more favorable tax treatment of retirement income. It is happening in all of our communities! You know it and I know it. Accountants are disclosing to retirees that they can save enough on taxes to pay for a residence in a state that does not tax this income. The result is that our seniors are leaving and taking their investment capital with them—this at a time when other states are realizing the economic benefit of keeping or attracting this generation of baby boomers to stay within their borders.

A bill to begin the phase out will be assigned in Ways and Means Committee this afternoon. I expect that bill to come to the floor yet in January.

For the same reason, we need to pass a bill again that offers incentives to farmers reaching retirement age to pass their land on to a younger operator. As farm operators continue to grey, this will help insure that Iowa will remain a force in agricultural production.

We have had several studies conducted on property taxes—all conclude that our property taxes are stifling economic growth—especially commercial and industrial. The House passed a measure last year that would begin to address this issue by slowing the growth of commercial property taxes, [House File 847](#). It is now in the Senate. Senators, please pass this bill! If it is not to your liking and you have a better solution, amend the bill and send it back. We can ill afford to do nothing about property taxes this session.

With high-energy costs affecting everyone's budget, we will once again focus on renewable energy, specifically ethanol and bio-diesel.

As you can see, we have much to do. I invite you to join me in getting to work on these and other issues important to all Iowans.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker!

RULE 57 SUSPENDED

Gipp of Winneshiek asked and received unanimous consent to suspend Rule 57, relating to committee notice and agenda, for committee meetings today.

COMMITTEE FROM THE SENATE

Senator Shull of Warren appeared and notified the House that the Senate was duly organized and ready to receive any communication that the House might desire to transmit.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

[House File 2001](#), by Tymeson, Eichhorn, Hutter, Granzow, Chambers, Alons, De Boef, Watts, Carroll, Heaton, Drake, Hoffman, Freeman, Wilderdyke and Upmeyer, a bill for an act exempting the

sale of certain school supplies from the sales and use taxes during a specified time.

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

[House File 2002](#), by Raecker and Kuhn, a bill for an act increasing the standing amount required to be appropriated, reverted, or transferred to the credit of the senior living trust fund and including effective and retroactive applicability date provisions.

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

[House File 2003](#), by Hutter, a bill for an act relating to the regulation of payday loans and lenders, including the establishment of fees and civil penalties, and providing for an impact study by the superintendent of banking.

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

[House File 2004](#), by Roberts, a bill for an act concerning the allocation of gambling tax revenues to the county endowment fund.

Read first time and referred to committee on **state government**.

[House File 2005](#), by Heddens and Wessel-Kroeschell, a bill for an act relating to the number of eligible electors' signatures necessary in a school district to propose at a regular election the question of providing free textbooks for the use of the school district's pupils.

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

[House File 2006](#), by Schueller, a bill for an act requiring the school budget review committee to grant transportation assistance aid to school districts under certain circumstances and providing a future statutory appropriation.

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

[House File 2007](#), by Zirkelbach, a bill for an act concerning dram shop liability for injuries sustained by an intoxicated person.

Read first time and referred to committee on **state government**.

[House File 2008](#), by Murphy, a bill for an act relating to the development and implementation of a citizenship grade by the board of directors of a school district.

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

[House File 2009](#), by Sands, a bill for an act relating to increasing the gross weight classification of a motor vehicle during an unexpired registration year and providing for proration of the annual fee.

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

[House File 2010](#), by Smith, a bill for an act relating to and making an appropriation for the office of substitute decision maker under the department of elder affairs.

Read first time and referred to committee on **human resources**.

[House File 2011](#), by Lykam, a bill for an act providing for reassignment of a salvage certificate of title for a motor vehicle.

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

[House File 2012](#), by Zirkelbach, a bill for an act providing an appropriation to establish a gulf war veterans memorial.

Read first time and referred to committee on **veterans affairs**.

[House File 2013](#), by Tjepkes, a bill for an act authorizing the use of revenue derived from the physical plant and equipment levy and the local option sales tax for school infrastructure purposes for the procurement of biodiesel fuel, and including an applicability provision.

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

[House File 2014](#), by Murphy, a bill for an act relating to the recycling property tax exemption and including an applicability date provision.

Read first time and referred to committee on **environmental protection**.

[House File 2015](#), by D. Olson, a bill for an act increasing the number of years for which supplementary weighting for limited English proficient students may be obtained, and providing an effective and applicability date.

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

[House File 2016](#), by D. Olson, a bill for an act increasing the amount of supplementary weighting granted to school districts for at-risk pupils, and providing an effective and applicability date.

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

[House File 2017](#), by D. Olson, a bill for an act providing for an increase in the amount of supplementary weighting granted to school districts for at-risk pupils, and providing an effective and applicability date.

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

[House File 2018](#), by Gaskill and Swaim, a bill for an act relating to an increase in the personal needs allowance for residents of nursing facilities under the medical assistance program.

Read first time and referred to committee on **human resources**.

[House File 2019](#), by Zirkelbach, a bill for an act making the use of credit information for underwriting or rating risks for personal insurance an unfair insurance practice and providing penalties and an applicability date.

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

[House File 2020](#), by Heddens, a bill for an act relating to the characteristics of a victim of a hate crime and making a penalty applicable.

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

[House File 2021](#), by Heddens, a bill for an act relating to the costs of services provided to persons with mental retardation whose service costs are a state responsibility.

Read first time and referred to committee on **human resources**.

[House File 2022](#), by Tomenga and R. Olson, a bill for an act increasing the taxes imposed on cigarettes and tobacco products and providing for deposit of the increased revenue generated in the senior living trust fund, and providing an applicability date and an effective date.

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

[House File 2023](#), by Tomenga, a bill for an act providing a credit for a buyback of service under the Iowa public employees' retirement system.

Read first time and referred to committee on **state government**.

[House File 2024](#), by Boal, a bill for an act relating to the naming of a national bank or a federal savings association and including a retroactive applicability provision.

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

[House File 2025](#), by Heddens, Whitehead, Schueller and Petersen, a bill for an act relating to the expansion of the healthy and well kids in Iowa program to parents of eligible children.

Read first time and referred to committee on **human resources**.

[House File 2026](#), by Paulsen, a bill for an act relating to the property tax exemption for certain dwelling units owned by a nonprofit organization and providing a retroactive applicability date.

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

[House File 2027](#), by Wise, a bill for an act establishing an economic enterprise area infrastructure fund and making appropriations.

Read first time and referred to committee on **economic growth**.

[House File 2028](#), by D. Olson, a bill for an act specifying the time period within which the Iowa department of veterans affairs shall comply with a request for veteran status from a health care facility.

Read first time and referred to committee on **veterans affairs**.

[House File 2029](#), by Swaim, a bill for an act relating to cases of child abuse that are determined to be confirmed or founded by requiring the county attorney to be notified of the determination.

Read first time and referred to committee on **human resources**.

HOUSE AND SENATE FILES REREFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Under the provisions of House Rule 45, the following House and Senate Files were rereferred to the committees listed:

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| House Joint Resolution 3 | Ways and Means |
| House File 461 | Ways and Means |
| House File 606 | Ways and Means |
| House File 829 | Government Oversight |
| House File 843 | Ways and Means |
| House File 846 | Government Oversight |
| House File 848 | Ways and Means |
| House File 849 | Government Oversight |
| House File 851 | Ways and Means |
| House File 852 | Ways and Means |

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| House File 863 | Ways and Means |
| House File 865 | Ways and Means |
| House File 867 | Ways and Means |
| House File 874 | Ways and Means |
| Senate File 123 | State Government |
| Senate File 220 | Education |
| Senate File 383 | Public Safety |

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED

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

ADMINISTRATION AND RULES – 14 Members

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|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Roberts, Chair | Dolecheck | Miller | Reasoner |
| Boal* | Gipp | Murphy | Whitaker |
| Bukta** | Heddens | Olson, S. | |
| Carroll | Jacobs | Rants | |

AGRICULTURE – 21 Members

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| Drake, Chair | De Boef | Kaufmann | Reasoner |
| Lalk* | Dolecheck | Kuhn | Struyk |
| Mertz** | Frevert | Miller | Swaim |
| Alons | Greiner | Olson, S. | Thomas |
| Baudler | Huseman | Rayhons | Whitaker |
| Davitt | | | |

APPROPRIATIONS – 25 Members

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| Raecker, Chair | De Boef | Jenkins | Petersen |
| Watts* | Heaton | Lukan | Reichert |
| Kuhn** | Horbach | Mascher | Roberts |
| Alons | Huseman | May | Sands |
| Bell | Jacobs | Mertz | Smith |
| Chambers | Jacoby | Miller | Thomas |
| Dandekar | | | |

COMMERCE, REGULATION AND LABOR – 23 Members

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| Jenkins, Chair | Horbach | Pettengill | Taylor, T. |
| Struyk* | Jacobs | Quirk | Tomenga |
| Petersen** | Jacoby | Sands | Watts |
| Dix | Kressig | Shomshor | Wilderdyke |
| Freeman | May | Soderberg | Wise |
| Hoffman | Oldson | Taylor, D. | |

ECONOMIC GROWTH- 21 Members

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| Hoffman, Chair | Granzow | Miller | Schueller |
| Soderberg* | Jenkins | Olson, D. | Struyk |
| Thomas** | Lalk | Olson, S. | Swaim |
| Anderson | Lukan | Reichert | Wilderdyke |
| Dandekar | May | Schickel | Wise |
| Fallon | | | |

EDUCATION - 23 Members

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| Tymeson, Chair | Chambers | Hogg | Schickel |
| Kaufmann* | Cohoon | Mascher | Soderberg |
| Wendt** | Dolecheck | Oldson | Tomenga |
| Boal | Foege | Paulsen | Winckler |
| Bukta | Ford | Raecker | Wise |
| Carroll | Granzow | Roberts | |

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION - 21 Members

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| Greiner, Chair | Gaskill | Kuhn | Pettengill. |
| Anderson* | Heddens | Kurtenbach | Sands |
| Shoultz** | Horbach | Maddox | Van Fossen, JK |
| De Boef | Huseman | Olson, D. | Watts |
| Drake | Kressig | Olson, S. | Wessel-Kroeschell |
| Fallon | | | |

ETHICS - 6 Members

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| Schickel, Chair | Mascher** | McCarthy | Tymeson |
| Raecker* | Cohoon | | |

GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT - 9 Members

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| Alons, Chair | Baudler | Thomas | Whitead |
| Hutter* | Eichhorn | Van Fossen, JK | Winckler |
| Lensing** | | | |

HUMAN RESOURCES - 21 Members

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| Upmeyer, Chair | Ford | Hunter | Petersen |
| Wilderdyke* | Freeman | Hutter | Roberts |
| Smith** | Granzow | Jacoby | Tomenga |
| Berry | Heaton | Kurtenbach | Tymeson |
| Carroll | Heddens | Lukan | Wendt |
| Foege | | | |

JUDICIARY - 21 Members

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| Paulsen, Chair | Boal | Hutter | Smith |
| Maddox* | Carroll | Jochum | Tymeson |
| Swaim** | Eichhorn | Kaufmann | Van Fossen, JR |
| Alons | Foege | Lensing | Wessel-Kroeschell |
| Anderson | Heaton | Olson, R. | Winckler |
| Berry | | | |

LOCAL GOVERNMENT – 21 Members

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| Van Engelenhoven, Chair | Fallon | Maddox | Tjepkes |
| Schickel* | Hoffman | Olson, D. | Van Fossen, JK |
| Gaskill** | Huser | Pettengill | Watts |
| Arnold | Jones | Rasmussen | Wessel-Kroeschell |
| Boal | Kressig | Schueller | Whitead |
| Elgin | | | |

NATURAL RESOURCES – 21 Members

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| Rayhons, Chair | Freeman | Rasmussen | Van Engelenhoven |
| May* | Frevort | Reichert | Van Fossen, JR |
| Bell** | Lukan | Taylor, D. | Whitaker |
| Arnold | Lykam | Tjepkes | Whitead |
| Baudler | Olson, R. | Upmeyer | Wilderdyke |
| Davitt | | | |

PUBLIC SAFETY – 21 Members

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| Baudler, Chair | Chambers | Horbach | Reasoner |
| Van Fossen, J.R.* | De Boef | Hunter | Sands |
| McCarthy** | Dolecheck | Lykam | Shoultz |
| Alons | Eichhorn | Olson, R. | Tjepkes |
| Bell | Heddens | Rayhons | Van Engelenhoven |
| Berry | | | |

STATE GOVERNMENT – 21 Members

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| Elgin, Chair | Ford | Jochum | Roberts |
| Tomenga* | Gaskill | Jones | Taylor, T. |
| Quirk** | Greiner | Kurtenbach | Upmeyer |
| Boal | Hutter | Lensing | Wendt |
| Bukta | Jacobs | Paulsen | Whitead |
| Drake | | | |

TRANSPORTATION – 21 Members

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| Arnolds, Chair | Elgin | Lukan | Reasoner |
| Rayhons* | Hunter | McCarthy | Schickel |
| Lykam** | Huseman | Mertz | Tjepkes |
| Bukta | Huser | Olson, S. | Van Fossen, JK |
| Cohoon | Jones | Rasmussen | Whitaker |
| Dolecheck | | | |

VETERANS AFFAIRS – 15 Members

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| Freeman, Chair | Hutter | Quirk | Watts |
| Kaufmann* | May | Taylor, D. | Wendt |
| Zirkelbach** | Miller | Thomas | Whitead |
| Alons | Paulsen | Tymeson | |

WAYS AND MEANS – 25 Members

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| Van Fossen, J.K., Chair | Eichhorn | Lalk | Soderberg |
| Kurtenbach* | Frevert | Paulsen | Struyk |
| Shomshor** | Hogg | Quirk | Tomenga |
| Boal | Huser | Reasoner | Tymeson |
| Carroll | Jochum | Schueller | Upmeyer |
| Davitt | Kaufmann | Shoultz | Winckler |
| Drake | | | |

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION – 9 Members

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| Sands, Chair | Elgin | Lalk | Struyk |
| Watts* | Gaskill | Pettengill | Taylor, D. |
| Hunter** | | | |

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES – 9 Members

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| De Boef, Chair | Anderson | Drake | Mertz |
| Rasmussen* | Bell | Greiner | Schueller |
| Olson, D.** | | | |

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – 9 Members

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| Lukan, Chair | Freeman | Hogg | Kressig |
| Schickel* | Hoffman | Jacoby | Soderberg |
| Dandekar** | | | |

EDUCATION – 9 Members

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| Chambers, Chair | Davitt | Jenkins | Tymeson |
| May* | Frevert | Kaufmann | Wessel-Kroeschell |
| Oldson** | | | |

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – 9 Members

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| Heaton, Chair | Berry | Mascher | Upmeyer |
| Granzow* | Kurtenbach | Smith | Wilderdyke |
| Foege** | | | |

JUSTICE SYSTEMS – 9 Members

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| Horbach, Chair | Maddox | Paulsen | Van Fossen, JR |
| Tjepkes.* | Olson, R. | Swaim | Wendt |
| Taylor, T.** | | | |

TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITALS – 9 Members

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| Huseman, Chair | Arnold | Rayhons | Shomshor |
| Jones* | Quirk | Reichert | Van Engelenhoven |
| Cohoon** | | | |

* Vice Chair

** Ranking Member

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

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

AUDITOR OF STATE

Report on procedures performed for the County Recorders Electronic Transaction Fees for period July 1, 2003 through September 30, 2005, pursuant to Chapter 421.70, Code of Iowa.

Report of the County Real Estate Electronic Government Advisory Committee, pursuant to Chapter 8.23, Code of Iowa.

BOARD OF REGENTS

Annual report of the College Bound and IMAGES programs, pursuant to Chapters 262.92 and 269.93, Code of Iowa.

Report on studies relating to cost-effective methods of recognizing the efforts of faculty to achieve commercialization, pursuant to Chapter 15.103, Code of Iowa.

Report on patents and licenses held by the universities and their respective research foundations, pursuant to Chapter 15.115, Code of Iowa.

Report of study to determine the feasibility of establishing a graduate school in western Iowa, pursuant to Chapter 15.103, Code of Iowa.

Annual report on the operation of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, pursuant to Chapter 265.1, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Fiscal year 2005 annual report, pursuant to Chapter 19B.5, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND

Fiscal year 2005 Iowa Communications Network (ICN), pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**Electronic Monitoring**

Report to address the number of persons being electronically monitored by offense committed, pursuant to Chapter 174.8, 2005 Iowa Acts.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Iowa National Guard

Fiscal report of savings for Iowa Communications Network (ICN), for 2005, pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Report on activities of the Microenterprise Organization, pursuant to Chapter 15.114(4), Code of Iowa.

Annual update of the five-year agricultural commodities and products promotion program and plan, pursuant to Chapter 15.203(2), Code of Iowa.

Semi-annual report on the progress in Value-Added Agricultural Products and Processes Financial Assistance Program, pursuant to Chapter 15E.111(8), Code of Iowa.

2005 Business Training Services annual report, pursuant to Chapter 15.113, Code of Iowa.

Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service

New commissioner orientation and fiscal year 2006 strategic retreat to develop volunteer services, pursuant to Chapter 15.107, Code of Iowa.

Iowa Life Changing

Report on activities of the eligible business receiving the exemption from land ownership restrictions for nonresident aliens provided under this program, pursuant to Chapter 15.331B(4), Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Fiscal year 2005 usage report of the Iowa Communications Network (ICN), pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Report of savings gained by use of the Iowa Communications Network (ICN), pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Annual report of savings through the use of the Iowa Communications Network (ICN), pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Developmental Disability and Brain Injury
Commission

Progress report on system redesign, pursuant to Chapter 225C.6A, Code of Iowa.

Annual Report of independent living services, pursuant to Chapter 234.35(4), Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTION AND APPEALS

Annual report for electrical and mechanical amusement devices, pursuant to Chapter 99B, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Report of actual costs of time expended enforcing the Iowa competition law, pursuant to Chapter 13.34, Code of Iowa.

Prosecutor Intern Program annual report for 2005, pursuant to Chapter 13.2(12), Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

Savings report on the use of the Iowa Communications Network (ICN), pursuant to chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

Report regarding savings associated with the agency's use of the Iowa Communications Network (ICN), pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Annual report of Oil Overcharge Restitution Programs covering expenditures of Petroleum Violation Escrow (PVE) funds, pursuant to Chapter 458A, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Stillbirth Evaluation Report, pursuant to Chapter 136A, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Report documenting progress in developing a system to track and analyze tax credits, pursuant to Chapter 7A.11A, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Summary of purchasing activity for soy based inks and recycled content trash bags, pursuant to Chapter 307.21, Code of Iowa.

Annual report of the office of Contract Letting, pursuant to Chapter 307.12(14), Code of Iowa.

Annual report of highway division, highway research and development, pursuant to Chapters 310.36 and 312.3A, Code of Iowa.

Annual report of the Secondary Road Research Fund and Street Research Fund, pursuant to Chapters 310.36 and 312.3A, code of Iowa.

IOWA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Fiscal year 2005 annual savings report on Iowa Communications Network (ICN), pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

IOWA ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD

Fiscal year 2005 Iowa Communications Network (ICN) savings report, pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

IOWA LAND RECORDS

Report of security audit of the county land record information system, pursuant to chapter 331.605C, Code of Iowa.

IOWA LOTTERY

Report on the use of the Iowa Communications Network (ICN), pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

IOWA MEDICAID PHARMACEUTICAL AND THERAPEUTIC COMMITTEE

Options for increasing savings relative to psychotropic drugs, while maintaining patient care quality, pursuant to Chapter 249A.20A, Code of Iowa.

IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Fiscal year 2005 Iowa Communications Network (ICN) report, pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

Five-year fiscal plan, pursuant to Chapter 8D.3(3)(f), Code of Iowa.

IOWA VETERAN'S HOME

2005 Cost-Savings report on Iowa Communications Network (ICN), pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

IOWA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

Annual report for cost savings related to holding Iowa Communications Network (ICN) meetings, pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

IOWA'S CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (I-CASH)

2005 annual report, pursuant to Chapter 262.78(6), Code of Iowa.

OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Comprehensive blueprint for addressing substance abuse annual report, pursuant to Chapter 80E.2, Code of Iowa.

2006 Iowa Drug Control Strategy, pursuant to Chapter 80E.1(b), Code of Iowa.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

Annual report for the fiscal year 2005, pursuant to Chapter 7E.3(4), Code of Iowa.

STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA

Annual report on usage of the Iowa Communications network (ICN), pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

**TREASURER OF STATE
Tobacco Settlement Authority**

Annual report regarding activities for the previous fiscal year, pursuant to Chapter 12E.15, Code of Iowa.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

MR. SPEAKER: The Chief Clerk of the House respectfully reports that certificates of recognition have been issued as follows.

**MARGARET A. THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House**

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| 2006\1 | Gladys Corkery, Independence – For celebrating her 80 th birthday. |
| 2006\2 | Marie Gray, LaPorte City – For celebrating her 86 th birthday. |
| 2006\3 | Charles and Pauline Pheiffer, Davenport – For celebrating their 69 th wedding anniversary. |
| 2006\4 | Pauline Pheiffer, Davenport – For celebrating her 90 th birthday. |
| 2006\5 | Josephine Marie Johnson, Iowa Falls – For celebrating her 90 th birthday. |
| 2006\6 | John and Ida Maletta, Centerville – For celebrating their 60 th wedding anniversary. |
| 2006\7 | Charlie Rupe, Bloomfield – For his 50 years of involvement with Little League Baseball. |
| 2006\8 | Colleen and Gil Copper, Fort Dodge – For celebrating their 56 th wedding anniversary. |
| 2006\9 | Torry and Leona Antimuro, Webster City – For celebrating their 60 th wedding anniversary. |

- 2006\10 H. Dean and Evelyn Simpson, Webster City – For celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.
- 2006\11 Helen and Don Utter, Webster City – For celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary.
- 2006\12 Don and Leah Meyers, Webster City – For celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary.
- 2006\13 Keith and LaVonne Draper, Webster city – For celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary.
- 2006\14 Marge and Paul Sheesley, Stanhope – For celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary.
- 2006\15 Ruby Mason, Hampton – For celebrating her 90th birthday.
- 2006\16 Mary Behr, Rockwell – For celebrating her 93rd birthday.
- 2006\17 Agnes Lage, Meservey – For celebrating her 95th birthday.
- 2006\18 Jay Cook, Slater – For attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America.
- 2006\19 Harvey Jordan, Huxley – For celebrating his 95th birthday.
- 2006\20 Wayne and Delores Kern, Woolstock – For celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.
- 2006\21 Jim and Glenda Monson, Stratford – For celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.
- 2006\22 Noel and Wilma Westrum, Stratford – For celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.
- 2006\23 Arliss and Jacque Nielsen, Woolstock – For celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.
- 2006\24 Jack and Phyllis Hill, Stanhope – For celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.
- 2006\25 Fred and Regina Madison, Goldfield – For celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.
- 2006\26 Melvin and Ellen Timm, Webster City – For celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

House File 2002

Appropriations: Heaton, Chair; Kuhn and Raecker.

HOUSE STUDY BILL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

H.S.B. 500 State Government

Relating to maintenance of a voter registration system separate from the state voter registration system and providing an effective date.

H.S.B. 501 State Government

Relating to elections by making changes concerning requirements for entrances to certain polling places, arrangement of names on the ballot for nonpartisan offices, and election registers, and including effective and applicability date provisions.

H.S.B. 502 Ways and Means

Phasing out the state income tax on social security benefits and on pension and retirement income and including effective and applicability date provisions.

RESOLUTION FILED

HR 101, by Wilderdyke, a resolution to honor Whiting High School on being awarded the 2004-2005 No Child left Behind Blue Ribbon School Award.

Laid over under **Rule 25**.

On motion by Gipp of Winneshiek the House adjourned at 10:48 a.m., until 8:45 a.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2006.