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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 14, 2008

Pursuant to chapter two (2), section two point one (2.1), Code of Iowa, the House of Representatives of the Eighty-second General Assembly of Iowa, 2008 Regular Session, convened at 10:01 a.m., Monday, January 14, 2008.

The House was called to order by the Honorable Patrick Murphy, Speaker of the House.

Prayer was offered by Imam Mohammed Khan of the Islamic Center of Des Moines. He was the guest of Speaker Murphy and Representative Abdul-Samad of Polk County.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Speakers Page, Sabrina Ahmed of West Des Moines.

The Journal of Saturday, April 28, 2007 was approved.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR

Gaskill of Wapello 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: Gaskill of Wapello, Kressig of Black Hawk and Clute of Polk.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Reasoner of Union 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: Reasoner of Union, Mascher of Johnson and Schickel of Cerro Gordo.

ADOPTION OF [HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 101](#)

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

1 [House Concurrent Resolution 101](#)
2 By McCarthy and Rants
3 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the*
4 *Senate concurring,* That a joint convention of the two
5 houses of the 2008 session of the Eighty-second
6 General Assembly be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2008,
7 at 10:00 a.m.; and
8 *Be it further resolved,* That Governor Chester J.
9 Culver 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 President 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](#)

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

1 [House Concurrent Resolution 102](#)
2 By McCarthy and Rants
3 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the*
4 *Senate concurring,* That a joint convention of the two
5 houses of the 2008 session of the Eighty-second General
6 Assembly be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008, at
7 10:00 a.m.; and
8 *Be it further resolved,* That Chief Justice Ternus
9 be invited to present her 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

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

The House stood at ease at 10:13 a.m., until the fall of the gavel.

The House resumed session at 10:31 a.m., Speaker Murphy in the chair.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR

Gaskill of Wapello, 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

Reasoner of Union, 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.

COMMITTEE FROM THE SENATE

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

REMARKS BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy addressed the House as follows:

Thank you Mr. Speaker and ladies & gentlemen of the House. This legislative session we are perfectly poised – perfectly poised to maintain the historic progress we made last year while putting people before politics.

If the Iowa caucuses showed us anything earlier this month, Iowans want us to have a more hopeful, optimistic politics...and we are perfectly poised to do so.

But it will not be easy...it's an election year and we all know it will be easy to slip into partisan politics and negativity....Is it possible we can disagree without being disagreeable?

If we can do this...if we can work together...we can continue to deliver positive things for Iowa.

Last year we made great strides in education, health care, and renewable energy. This year we are perfectly poised to maintain that progress, if we have the will to do so, and we can maintain that progress while still balancing the budget. We will be smart with state's pocketbook.

A word of thanks to those who have served this body well. Two Democrats are running for the lower chamber – the Senate. Representative Jochum and Representative Dandekar – thank you for your service. For the Republicans who will be serving in their last session –

Representative Hoffman, Representative Tomenga, Representative Clute, Representative Boal, Representative Gipp, Representative Greiner, Representative Jacobs and Representative Schickel.

Thank you for your service. To any other Republican who would like to be added to this list...I would be happy to publicly thank you as well.

We are perfectly poised to maintain the progress we made last session while putting people before politics...Now let's roll up our sleeves and get to work.

REMARKS BY THE MINORITY LEADER

Minority Leader Christopher Rants addressed the House as follows:

Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House, friends and families....

It's only the 14th of January and already it's been quite an interesting political year here in Iowa – one full of surprises, excitement, renewed optimism and a few disappointments.

People across the country fixed their eyes on Iowa, waiting to see what we would do in our respective parties to chart the future of the nation by selecting our candidates for the presidency. Now people across our state are fixing their attention on this chamber to see what we will do to chart the future of the state. Will there be surprises? Excitement? Do they have reason to feel optimistic or disappointment?

Across Iowa, while families sat down at the kitchen table and hashed over presidential candidates, they also talked about their fears and hopes. They are worried about their children, wondering if they are getting the kind of education they need for a good job. They worry about how they are going to take care of their parents. And they worry about how they can afford to take care of their own healthcare. They worry about what kind of a world their kids are growing up in.

Parents are right to be worried about the relevancy of their children's education. Particularly because last year Iowa's standards were reduced. For the first time ever, Iowa lowered the bar for teacher standards, and lowered the bar for student performance. All the while our competitors at home and abroad were setting higher

expectations. Parents are right to be worried. But we can restore their confidence. Republicans propose that Iowa adopt, for the first time, state wide standards for student achievement, curriculum and proficiency. We believe every student needs access to a curriculum that prepares them for global competition, and that means more math and sciences.

Families are right to be worried about affording health care. For the past year, they have heard all sorts of ideas from candidates promising free health care coverage for the nine percent of Iowans that have none. While candidates focus on those without coverage, what about the 91 percent of Iowans who do have coverage and are more concerned that their costs keep going up? For all the talk we have heard in this state about how poorly the federal government pays our doctors and hospitals for Medicare, the state of Iowa pays even less for Medicaid. And because of this, Iowans pay a 10 percent hidden tax on their health care premiums. Thanks to the actions of this House in 2005 and 2006, we started to address this hidden tax with the provider rate increases we approved. But that progress stopped last year. It's time to give Iowans a break by completing the job and eliminating the hidden health care tax.

The cost of health care is not the only concern of Iowa families. Many our of friends and neighbors are confused and angered when they change jobs or change insurance plans but keep the same insurer and suddenly find their coverage limited or non-existent due to pre-existing conditions. This is a critical issue for Iowans who are nearing retirement and will have to wait several years for Medicare. There is a common sense solution to this which Republicans support...change our insurance laws to prevent this from occurring in the future.

Iowa families also realize that they must be more responsible for their health. Health care costs will continue to rise if we do not start leading healthier lives. That is why Republicans believe that we should come forward with ways to promote wellness activities and to help Iowans manage chronic diseases like diabetes and asthma. We have done this before, in the IowaCare bill passed unanimously in 2005. Unfortunately, putting these programs into place has not been a priority for the Department of Human Services and the costs to taxpayers continue to escalate. Through bipartisanship, we can make wellness and chronic disease management not just a priority for Medicaid or IowaCare, but for all of Iowa.

Property taxpayers are right to be worried – no, not worried – **angry** about their tax bill. Last year they heard promise after promise that something would be done and every promise was broken. From Governor Culver's promises on the first day of session, to the promises made in this chamber on the last day of session, we all were told that something would be done, yet the only people who have something to smile about are some outside consultants who were handed a blank check to pay for yet another study. This fall however, we learned that property owners are out of time. According to a report by the Legislative Service Agency, we have reached a tipping point. The most telling line of the report is that the next five years will be markedly different from the last five in terms of property taxes. For those of you that haven't read the report, that means if you think your taxes are high now – you ain't seen nothin' yet. If this General Assembly fails to act, homeowners and farmers will see a \$500 million tax increase. Let me say that again. Failure to act results in a \$500 million tax increase. Now some will want to downplay the report, but we all know what is going on – higher ag prices raise ag land values under the productivity formula for property taxes, and as those rise residential values will be carried up to. If

Democrats are content to kick the can down the road yet again, and only plan to study the problem staring them in the face, then please, please, at least agree to not make the problem any worse. Iowa common sense says, when you're in a hole and want to get out – first, stop digging. Sometime in the next 30 days this chamber will set allowable growth, the state aid for school districts. At that same time, we will have the choice to allow school districts to levy more property taxes - \$45 million more – or we can decide to have the state pay this cost rather than hitting property owners. Republicans suggest that with the record increase in revenues, the state should pay.

As if worrying about their children's education or how they'll pay their insurance premiums and property taxes at the same time isn't enough – some Iowans are worried that they are going to see one more expense added to their family's budget – dues withheld from their paycheck to support a union they choose not to belong to. Mr. Speaker, this is the most divisive issue that was placed before this chamber for debate last year, and it would have the most devastating impact on Iowa's fragile economy. We can spend the next 100 days moving chess pieces around, trying to prepare for this debate – one that would surely destroy any semblance of bipartisanship for the session. Or – you have the power to dispose of the issue today, and take SF413, the so-called "Fair Share" bill that guts our Right to Work Law off the table for discussion this year. Members of my caucus will not support this bill, and there are members of your caucus that don't want to vote on it. Even Samuel Gompers, the founder of the American Labor movement said "there may be here and there a worker who for certain reasons... does not join a union of labor. It is his legal right and no one can or dare question his exercise of that legal right." Mr. Speaker, tabling this bill for the year is the bipartisan thing to do.

Many of these issues we could have predicted would be around when we adjourned last year. But there is one that has cropped up anew – and that happened when a single Polk county judge threw out the will of this body and nullified our law declaring marriage to be between one man and one woman. Traditional marriage is an institution that this chamber has twice, in bipartisan fashion, protected with overwhelming majorities. Yet today one judge has turned Iowa law upside down and inside out, in a way that the elected representatives would never think to do. Mr. Speaker, you have a choice. You can let this stand, and by inaction the majority party will affirm what this one judge has done. Or you can bring up for a vote a bill or resolution that would overturn this ruling. In fact, [HJR 8](#), with 48 bipartisan co-sponsors is sitting in Judiciary Committee ready for action. I know that the quick and casual answer is to say we don't have time, we'll let the courts sort it out. But Mr. Speaker, we do have the time. If this chamber can spend an hour debating the merits of registering propane tanks, then surely there is one hour, out of 100 days that we can debate the merits of marriage. That's all I'm asking for, one hour to debate and vote. This is a bipartisan issue – members of both caucuses are on record supporting such a resolution. I don't think that's asking too much to protect this sacred institution.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it's costing more and more just to be middle class in Iowa. Both spouses are already working. They are already stretching just to pay the mortgage and health insurance – not to mention things like paying off student loans and setting aside just a bit for retirement or savings. They don't need their state government setting them up for a tax increase. The facts speak for themselves. A irresponsible billion dollar increase in spending last year. A half a billion dollar property tax increase on the horizon. New property tax levies. The threat of forced union dues coming out of their paychecks. An interim committee that proposes new

taxes on health care services. And last week the governor proposed taking away their largest tax deduction. Middle class Iowans can't afford what the governor and this legislature are laying in front of them. We can do better, and it can be done in a bipartisan fashion.

Teddy Roosevelt once said, "Rhetoric is a poor substitute for action, and we have trusted only to rhetoric. If we really want to be a great nation, we must not merely talk; we must act big." Roosevelt's axiom applies to our state as well. Be it affordability and portability of healthcare, raising educational standards, or property tax relief – the time for talk is over, its time to act. Mr. Speaker, Republicans are ready to go to work.

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER

Speaker Murphy addressed the House as follows:

Since I have mentioned this person by name during the past two sessions, and before I welcome you all back today, the first thing I would like to say is welcome back to a member who has served our country abroad for the last two years. Representative Zirkelbach, welcome back.

Now to the rest of you, welcome back, it is time for us to go to work.

Last year when Democrats took control we talked about our Plan for Prosperity, which targeted a number of things we thought we needed to do to push this state forward. One of them was the Power Fund to make Iowa the renewable fuels leader of the world. We passed the Power Fund bill last year. But the first bill that we did last year was raising the minimum wage, a bipartisan effort to help middle-class families, which went into full effect earlier this month.

We also focused on early childhood so four-year olds would have access to education. We focused on teacher quality so we could raise teacher pay from forty-second to twenty-fifth in the nation. We wanted to focus on higher education. The previous five years saw a ninety per cent increase in tuition at our Regents universities. Last year, with the work that we did, the Board of Regents raised tuition by three per cent, two tenths of a per cent below the inflation rate and the lowest tuition increase in twenty-seven years. Along with that, we also focused on what would help middle class families. We passed the small business health insurance bill that was a very bi-partisan effort to offer some new incentives to help small businesses offer health insurance to their employees. We had a tough vote on the tobacco tax, but we put all that money into health care. The Department of Human Services reported that about seventeen thousand more Iowan's had access to health care due to the initiatives this legislative body passed.

But, we also could not forget the veterans. There were numerous bills that we ended up passing last year to address some of the veterans concerns as they arose from people coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Then there were those things that we didn't accomplish. One of those was property taxes. This year we have an interim committee that Representatives Wise, Shomshor and Olson have worked on, and I know it is a two-year study, but we are hoping this

year we will be able to come up with a bi-partisan effort to do some things in the areas of commercial and industrial property taxes to help businesses in this state so they can help middle class families.

This year, we need to focus on our commitments made last year. Continue our focus on early childhood, teacher quality and higher education. We need to make sure that we make higher education affordable to middle class families. We need to make sure that teachers are treated with the respect they need, especially when you think of the fact that we rank statistically in the top five or ten categories in almost every performance measure that is judged by what our children achieve.

We also have an interim committee that dealt with health care. I know everybody has referred to it as Senator Hatch's committee. But, I know there are five legislators in this chamber that worked on that bill and will be coming to us with recommendations they passed last week to help make health care more accessible and more affordable to middle class families and we are glad that they did that work and we are going to look very closely at those recommendations and see what we can pass.

There is also the issue of veterans retaining their job status when they return from military service. Rep. McKinley Bailey unveiled proposed legislation several months ago. It is not right when somebody goes over and serves their country for one or two years and they don't get their same job back and they don't get the same pay they had when they left. Addressing that issue needs to be a priority for this chamber. We need to adopt that legislation early. We need to make sure that we treat our veterans the way they have protected us. That is only out of due respect that we make sure they get their job back with the same pay. So, I am very hopeful that we will be able to get that bill done early this legislative session.

There are some other issues addressed by interim committees that we want to take a look at. There is the whole issue of water quality. We have the Water Quality Planning Task Force which made recommendations. We won't be able to do every recommendation, but there is no question that we will be focusing on the environment.

There was a huge increase last year for REAP funding, the first increase since 1991. We want to continue to focus on REAP and water quality and also take a look at recommendations from the Climate Change Advisory Council.

We also talk about job growth in Iowa. There is no question that we want Iowa to continue to grow so that young people can find good jobs and settle down and raise families here in Iowa. And we need to find ways to make it happen, because these are the workers and families who will form the middle class of the future. We have the worker's shortage interim committee that has made recommendations. And we also need to look at what was proposed by the Generation Iowa Commission, which recently issued a guide for creating job opportunities for young people.

There is no question that these are a lot of priorities, but we are going to try to get as many done as we can, while managing to balance the state budget. We have almost six-hundred million dollars in our two reserve accounts. The first time they have been full in years. We have the Senior Living Trust Fund with one-hundred and eighty-two million dollars in it when it was down to seven millions dollars just a few years ago. We are very proud of our budget and we are going to continue to maintain fiscal discipline.

There are also a couple of other issues that we will need to try to address this legislative session. We will, no doubt, need a bi-partisan effort to address some of the issues that Representatives Huser and Lykam and Tjepkes have worked on with regard to infrastructure funding for our roads. We need to see whether there is common ground where we can come together to pass a bill that will help take care of our infrastructure needs so we don't have the type of tragic incident that occurred in Minnesota last year.

The last point I want make is that, when we talk about job opportunities, we always talk about working hard and playing by the rules and being fair. There is a whole issue now with immigration. I think we need to take a look at why immigrants are coming to Iowa, and in some cases being brought up here without proper documentation, and then getting jobs. Our focus will be on employers who knowingly hiring immigrants who are not properly documented. Hopefully we can do a bill this session that will deal with these issues.

There is no question that we have a lot on our plate. The goal is to get accomplished as much as we can. There is no question that we need to do it in a bi-partisan manner as much as possible. There is no question that at times we are going to have our differences, but our goal is to overcome those differences and find commonality where we can work together and move this state forward. It is not about the one hundred people that are in this room that are duly elected to represent their districts. It is about the three million people that follow our leadership in this chamber to strive for a new future and to move forward. So, with that, I welcome you all back. I look forward to being in session for the next one hundred days or less, hopefully, and to see what we can get done.

I thank you all for your service that you give to both your state and your districts and lets see what we can do now for the citizens of the state of Iowa in a bi-partisan effort. Thank you.

RULE 57 SUSPENDED

McCarthy of Polk asked and received unanimous consent to suspend Rule 57, relating to committee notice and agenda, for committee meetings upon recess.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Speaker Murphy presented to Representative Ray Zirkelbach of Jones County, the United States Flag that was draped upon his desk as he was serving his country in the 133rd Infantry in Iraq.

The House rose and expressed its appreciation.

Representative Zirkelbach of Jones addressed the House briefly thanking the body and his wife and daughter for their support and appreciation for his fellow soldiers in the 133rd Infantry.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

[House File 2001](#), by Bailey, Foege, Whitaker, Jacoby, Oldson, Berry, Wendt, Wenthe, Palmer, D. Olson, Smith, Bukta, Kressig, Wise, Reichert, Kelley, Dandekar, Gayman, Schueller, H. Miller, Reasoner, Davitt, Gaskill, Zirkelbach, Heddens, Whitead, Baudler, Staed, Thomas, Lykam and Murphy, a bill for an act relating to military leaves of absence and reemployment.

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

[House File 2002](#), by R. Olson, a bill for an act relating to exemptions to state minimum wage requirements.

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

[House File 2003](#), by Heaton, a bill for an act relating to the removal of highway obstructions by highway authorities on secondary roads.

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

[House File 2004](#), by Smith, a bill for an act relating to preliminary screening tests for persons under legal age for the detection of the presence of alcohol, and providing a penalty.

Read first time and referred to committee on **public safety**.

[House File 2005](#), by Lykam, a bill for an act relating to contest events where an animal is injured, tormented, or killed, by providing a penalty for spectators.

Read first time and referred to committee on **public safety**.

SENATE MESSAGE CONSIDERED

[Senate File 607](#), by committee on appropriations, a bill for an act relating to increases in the reimbursement rates or amounts for

certain providers under the purview of the department of human services or the department of public health, and providing appropriations.

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

On motion by McCarthy of Polk, the House was recessed at 11:08 a.m., until 3:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The House reconvened at 3:02 p.m., Speaker Murphy 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 14, 2008, adopted the following resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate was asked:

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

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MICHAEL E. MARSHALL, Secretary

SPONSORS ADDED

[\(House Joint Resolution 8\)](#)

Hoffman of Crawford requested to be added as a sponsor of [House Joint Resolution 8](#).

Pettengill of Benton requested to be added as a sponsor of [House Joint Resolution 8](#).

Raecker of Polk requested to be added as a sponsor of [House Joint Resolution 8](#).

Schickel of Cerro Gordo requested to be added as a sponsor of [House Joint Resolution 8](#).

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Fiscal year 2007 Iowa Communications Network (ICN) report of savings, pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

BOARD OF REGENTS

Report of the Study of Campus Security Protocols, pursuant to Chapter 262.13, Code of Iowa.

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

CITIZENS' AIDE/OMBUDSMAN DEPARTMENT

Report on "Investigation of County Treasurers' Tax-Sale Registration Fees", pursuant to Chapter 2C.17, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES Iowa Technology Governance Board

Annual report, pursuant to Chapter 8A.204(3a), Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

2007 Iowa Communications Network (ICN) report, pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Three annual reports, pursuant to Chapters 260G.4C, 15.108(3)"a"(1) and 15.108(6)"b"3, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student Achievement and Accountability annual report, pursuant to Chapter 284.12(1), Code of Iowa.

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

Community College Date Collection Report, pursuant to Chapter 206C.14, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Report on "Options and Resources Needed to Support Responsible Fatherhood", pursuant to 2007 Iowa Acts, Chapter 218.9.

Independent living services annual report, pursuant to Chapter 234.35(4), Code of Iowa.

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

Iowa Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Developmental Disabilities, Brain Injury
Commission

Annual report, pursuant to Chapter 225C.6(h)(1), Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Prosecutor intern program annual report, pursuant to Chapter 13.2(12), Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Annual report of boat fee revenue and expenditures report, pursuant to Chapter 462A, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENSE

Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division

2007 annual report for the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program, pursuant to Chapter 29C.20A(4), Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Annual report, pursuant to Chapter 7E.3(4), Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Fiscal year 2007 annual report, pursuant to Chapter 421.17(27)(h)(J), Code of Iowa.

Report of Tax Credit Tracking and Analysis System, pursuant to 2007 Iowa Acts.

Annual report on the Tax Gap Compliance Project for FY 2007, pursuant to Chapter 421.17(23), Code of Iowa.

Report of the Iowa Industrial Processing Exemption Study Committee, pursuant to Chapter 7A.11A, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Report regarding Regional Veterans Affairs Offices, pursuant to 2007 Iowa Acts.

Status report to the County Grant Program, pursuant to 2006 Iowa Acts.

IOWA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Annual savings report on Iowa Communications Network (ICN) usage for FY 2007, pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

IOWA COUNTY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION SERVICE BUREAU

Annual report, pursuant to Chapter 312.3B, Code of Iowa.

IOWA LOTTERY

Report of Iowa Telecommunications Network (ICN) usage for FY 2007, pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

IOWA NATIONAL GUARD

Annual reports of savings using Iowa Communications Network (ICN), pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Iowa Telecommunications Network (ICN) annual report of usage for FY 2007, pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

IOWA TECHNOLOGY GOVERNANCE BOARD

Annual report, pursuant to Chapter 8A.204(3a), Code of Iowa.

IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

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

Review of maintenance contracts, pursuant to Chapter 8D.3(3)(g), Code of Iowa.

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

Replacement Tax Study Committee Report, pursuant to Chapter 476.6(20), Code of Iowa.

IOWA VETERANS HOME

Iowa Communications Network (ICN) annual cost savings report, pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

MUNICIPAL FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF IOWA

Annual report, pursuant to Chapter 411.5, Code of Iowa.

OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL POLICY

2008 Iowa Drug Control Report, pursuant to Chapters 80E.1 and 80E.2, Code of Iowa.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

Annual report for FY 2007, pursuant to Chapter 7E.3(4), Code of Iowa.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Report of funding to reimburse counties opting to purchase the VVPAT attachment for their Direct Record Electronic (DRE) units and Automark ballot marking devices, pursuant to section 52.7 of [House File 911](#).

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

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

MARK W. BRANDSGARD
Chief Clerk of the House

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| 2008\001 | Marie Gray, La Porte City – For celebrating her 88 th birthday. |
| 2008\002 | Albert and Lavon Roepke, Aurora – For celebrating their 65 th anniversary. |
| 2008\003 | Leona Ochs, Grinnell – For celebrating her 90 th birthday. |
| 2008\004 | Delores Schwertfeger, Deep River – For celebrating her 80 th birthday. |
| 2008\005 | Martha Moffit, North English – For celebrating her 90 th birthday. |
| 2008\006 | Vera Knocks, Williamsburg – For celebrating her 80 th birthday. |
| 2008\007 | Harold and Koke Baderstadt, Brooklyn – For celebrating their 60 th anniversary. |

- 2008\008 Larry and Alice Coble, Hedrick – For celebrating their 50th anniversary.
- 2008\009 Raymond and Lois Axemear, Sigourney – For celebrating their 60th anniversary.
- 2008\010 Eunice Shroeder, Sigourney – For celebrating her 90th birthday.
- 2008\011 Denny Claeys, Victor – For his 30 years of service to the United States Postal System.
- 2008\012 Goerge and Ann Halma, Inwood – For celebrating their 60th anniversary.
- 2008\013 John Vande Pol, Sioux Center – For celebrating his 90th birthday.
- 2008\014 Richard and Connie Weidman, Winterset – For celebrating their 50th anniversary.
- 2008\015 Robert and Elizabeth Smith, Davenport – For celebrating their 50th anniversary.
- 2008\016 Jack Nissley, Iowa Falls – For celebrating his 80th birthday.
- 2008\017 Harold La Velle, Iowa Falls – For celebrating his 95th birthday.
- 2008\018 Clarence and Mable Wright, Ackley – For celebrating their 70th anniversary.
- 2008\019 Shirley Peterson, Clear Lake – For celebrating her 80th birthday.
- 2008\020 Carl Barkema, Alexander – For celebrating his 100th birthday.
- 2008\021 David Smith, Kanawha – For celebrating his 80th birthday.
- 2008\022 Richard and Darlene Mason, Chapin – For celebrating their 50th anniversary.
- 2008\023 Margie Burras, Kanawha – For celebrating her 80th birthday.
- 2008\024 Mike Keefe, Clear Lake – For his 32 years of dedicated service and commitment to the State Fire Marshall's Office.
- 2008\025 Jerry and Suzanne Olson, Clear Lake – For celebrating their 50th anniversary.
- 2008\026 Marlis Ames, Rockwell – For celebrating her 80th birthday.
- 2008\027 Esther Hirth, Ackley – For celebrating her 85th birthday.

- 2008\028 Lonnie Gabrielson, Clear Lake – For receiving the Shirley Echelbarger Award as Outstanding Employee of the Year from Opportunity Village.
- 2008\029 Joe Skow, Spencer – For his 35 years of dedicated service and commitment to Iowa Law Enforcement.
- 2008\030 Lee Howard Ibbotson, Mount Pleasant – For attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America.
- 2008\031 Esther Dettmann, Sac City – For celebrating her 80th birthday
- 2008\032 Edgar and Marcella Ehlers, Storm Lake – For celebrating their 50th anniversary.
- 2008\033 Ella Wilson, Storm Lake – For celebrating her 105th birthday.
- 2008\034 Dave Kwikkel, Superintendent of Schaller–Crestland Schools – For receiving the Storm Lake Times Citizen of the Year Award.

On motion by McCarthy of Polk the House adjourned at 3:02 p.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 15, 2008.