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# JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

One Hundred-sixteenth Calendar Day - Seventy-third Session Day

Hall of the House of Representatives  
Des Moines, Iowa, Thursday, May 4, 2023

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 8:36 a.m., Wills of Dickinson in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Fisher of Tama.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jackson Simeck, Page from Adel.

The Journal of Wednesday, May 3, 2023, was approved.

The House stood at ease at 8:39 p.m., until the fall of the gavel.

The House resumed session at 11:16 a.m., Speaker Grassley in the chair.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following message was received from the Senate:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has on May 4, 2023, amended and passed the following bill in which the concurrence of the House is asked:

[House File 660](#), a bill for an act relating to sales tax rebates for a raceway facility.

W. CHARLES SMITHSON, Secretary

Windschitl of Harrison asked and received unanimous consent for the consideration of House Files 725 and 730.

## SENATE AMENDMENTS CONSIDERED

House Concurred

Bossman of Woodbury called up for consideration [House File 710](#), a bill for an act relating to certain tax receipts on internet fantasy sports contests and sports wagering, providing for tax credits, making appropriations, and including applicability, retroactive applicability, and effective date provisions, amended by the Senate, and moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment [H-1364](#).

The motion prevailed and the House concurred in the Senate amendment [H-1364](#).

Bossman of Woodbury moved that the bill, as amended by the Senate and concurred in by the House, be read a last time now and placed upon its passage which motion prevailed and the bill was read a last time.

On the question "Shall the bill pass?" ([H.F. 710](#))

The ayes were, 89:

Abdul-Samad	Amos Jr.	Andrews	Baeth
Bagniewski	Bergan	Best	Bloomingdale
Boden	Bossman	Brown-Powers	Buck
Cahill	Carlson	Collins	Cooling
Croken	Determann	Deyoe	Dieken
Dunwell	Fisher	Forbes	Fry
Gaines	Gehlbach	Gerhold	Gjerde
Golding	Graber	Gustoff	Harris
Hayes	Holt	Hora	Ingels
Isenhardt	Jacoby	James	Jeneary
Johnson	Jones	Judge	Kaufmann
Konfrst	Kressig	Kurth	Latham
Levin	Lohse	Lundgren	Madison
Matson	Meggers	Meyer, A.	Meyer, B.
Mohr	Mommsen	Moore	Nielsen
Nordman	Osmundson	Rinker	Sherman
Sieck	Siegrist	Sorensen	Srinivas
Staed	Steckman	Stoltenberg	Stone
Thompson, M.	Thompson, P.	Thomson	Turek
Vondran	Wessel-Kroeschell	Wheeler	Wilburn
Wills	Wilson	Wilz	Windschitl
Wood	Wulf	Young	Zabner
Speaker Grassley			

The nays were, none.

Absent or not voting, 11:

Bradley	Cisneros	Ehlert	Gustafson
Henderson	Kniff McCulla	Olson	Scheetz
Scholten	Sexton	Shipley	

The bill having received a constitutional majority was declared to have passed the House and the title, as amended, was agreed to.

## House Concurred

Boden of Warren called up for consideration [House File 660](#), a bill for an act relating to sales tax rebates for a raceway facility, amended by the Senate, and moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment [H-1367](#).

The motion prevailed and the House concurred in the Senate amendment [H-1367](#).

Boden of Warren moved that the bill, as amended by the Senate and concurred in by the House, be read a last time now and placed upon its passage which motion prevailed and the bill was read a last time.

On the question “Shall the bill pass?” ([H.F. 660](#))

The ayes were, 87:

Abdul-Samad	Amos Jr.	Andrews	Baeth
Bagniewski	Bergan	Best	Bloomingtondale
Boden	Bossman	Brown-Powers	Buck
Cahill	Carlson	Collins	Cooling
Croken	Determann	Deyoe	Dieken
Dunwell	Fisher	Forbes	Fry
Gaines	Gehlbach	Gerhold	Gjerde
Golding	Graber	Gustoff	Harris
Hayes	Holt	Hora	Ingels
Isenhardt	Jacoby	James	Jeneary
Johnson	Jones	Judge	Kaufmann
Konfrst	Kressig	Kurth	Latham
Levin	Lundgren	Madison	Matson
Meggers	Meyer, A.	Meyer, B.	Mohr
Mommsen	Moore	Nielsen	Nordman
Osmundson	Rinker	Sherman	Sieck
Siegrist	Sorensen	Srinivas	Staed
Steckman	Stoltenberg	Stone	Thompson, M.
Thompson, P.	Thomson	Turek	Vondran
Wheeler	Wilburn	Wills	Wilson
Wilz	Windschitl	Wood	Wulf
Young	Zabner	Speaker	
		Grassley	

The nays were, 2:

Lohse	Wessel-Kroeschell
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Absent or not voting, 11:

Bradley	Cisneros	Ehlert	Gustafson
Henderson	Kniff McCulla	Olson	Scheetz
Scholten	Sexton	Shipley	

The bill having received a constitutional majority was declared to have passed the House and the title, as amended, was agreed to.

#### CONSIDERATION OF BILLS Appropriations Calendar

[House File 725](#), a bill for an act relating to and making appropriations for the economic development of the state, including to the economic development authority, the Iowa finance authority, the public employment relations board, the department of workforce development, and the state board of regents and certain regents institutions, and by modifying provisions relating to the pathways for academic career and employment program, the apprenticeship training program, and new jobs training agreements, was taken up for consideration.

Graber of Lee offered amendment [H-1350](#) filed by him and moved its adoption.

Amendment [H-1350](#) was adopted, placing out of order amendment [H-1346](#), filed by Graber of Lee on May 2, 2023.

#### [SENATE FILE 559](#) SUBSTITUTED FOR [HOUSE FILE 725](#)

Graber of Lee asked and received unanimous consent to substitute [Senate File 559](#) for [House File 725](#).

[Senate File 559](#), a bill for an act relating to and making appropriations for the economic development of the state, including to the economic development authority, the Iowa finance authority, the public employment relations board, the department of workforce development, and the state board of regents and certain regents institutions, and modifying the housing renewal pilot program and provisions related to regional industry sector partnerships, the apprenticeship training program, and new jobs training agreements, was taken up for consideration.

Matson of Polk offered amendment [H-1353](#) filed by her.

Graber of Lee rose on a point of order that amendment [H-1353](#) was not germane.

The Speaker ruled the point well taken and amendment [H-1353](#) not germane.

Matson of Polk asked for unanimous consent to suspend the rules to consider amendment [H-1353](#).

Objection was raised.

Matson of Polk moved to suspend the rules to consider amendment [H-1353](#).

Roll call was requested by Matson of Polk and Konfrst of Polk.

On the question “Shall the rules be suspended to consider amendment [H-1353](#)?” ([S.F. 559](#))

The ayes were, 33:

Abdul-Samad	Amos Jr.	Baeth	Bagniewski
Brown-Powers	Buck	Cahill	Cooling
Croken	Forbes	Gaines	Gjerde
Isenhardt	Jacoby	James	Judge
Konfrst	Kressig	Kurth	Levin
Madison	Matson	Meyer, B.	Nielsen
Rinker	Srinivas	Staed	Steckman
Turek	Wessel-Kroeschell	Wilburn	Wilson
Zabner			

The nays were, 57:

Andrews	Bergan	Best	Bloomingtondale
Boden	Bossman	Carlson	Cisneros
Collins	Determann	Deyoe	Dieken
Dunwell	Fisher	Fry	Gehlbach
Gerhold	Golding	Graber	Gustoff
Harris	Hayes	Holt	Hora
Ingels	Jeneary	Johnson	Jones
Kaufmann	Latham	Lohse	Lundgren
Meggers	Meyer, A.	Mohr	Mommsen
Moore	Nordman	Osmundson	Sherman
Sieck	Siegrist	Sorensen	Stoltenberg
Stone	Thompson, M.	Thompson, P.	Thomson
Vondran	Wheeler	Wills	Wilz
Windschitl	Wood	Wulf	Young
Speaker			
Grassley			

Absent or not voting, 10:

Bradley	Ehlert	Gustafson	Henderson
Kniff McCulla	Olson	Scheetz	Scholten
Sexton	Shipley		

The motion to suspend the rules lost.

Graber of Lee moved that the bill be read a last time now and placed upon its passage which motion prevailed and the bill was read a last time.

On the question "Shall the bill pass?" ([S.F. 559](#))

The ayes were, 88:

Abdul-Samad	Amos Jr.	Andrews	Baeth
Bagniewski	Bergan	Best	Bloomingtondale
Boden	Bossmann	Brown-Powers	Buck
Cahill	Carlson	Cisneros	Collins
Cooling	Croken	Determann	Deyoe
Dieken	Dunwell	Fisher	Forbes
Fry	Gaines	Gehlbach	Gerhold
Gjerde	Golding	Graber	Gustoff
Harris	Hayes	Holt	Hora
Ingels	Isenhardt	James	Jeneary
Johnson	Jones	Judge	Kaufmann
Konfrst	Kressig	Kurth	Latham
Levin	Lohse	Lundgren	Madison
Matson	Meggers	Meyer, A.	Meyer, B.
Mohr	Mommsen	Moore	Nielsen
Nordman	Osmundson	Rinker	Sherman
Sieck	Siegrist	Sorensen	Srinivas
Staed	Steckman	Stoltenberg	Stone
Thompson, M.	Thompson, P.	Thomson	Turek
Vondran	Wessel-Kroeschell	Wheeler	Wilburn
Wills	Wilson	Wilz	Windschitl
Wood	Wulf	Young	Speaker
			Grassley

The nays were, 2:

Jacoby	Zabner
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Absent or not voting, 10:

Bradley	Ehlert	Gustafson	Henderson
Kniff McCulla	Olson	Scheetz	Scholten
Sexton	Shipley		

The bill having received a constitutional majority was declared to have passed the House and the title was agreed to.

[House File 730](#), a bill for an act relating to and making appropriations from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund and technology reinvestment fund, establishing a destination Iowa fund, providing for related matters, and including effective date provisions, was taken up for consideration.

Bossman of Woodbury offered amendment [H-1366](#) filed by him and moved its adoption.

Amendment [H-1366](#) was adopted.

[SENATE FILE 577](#) SUBSTITUTED FOR [HOUSE FILE 730](#)

Bossman of Woodbury asked and received unanimous consent to substitute [Senate File 577](#) for [House File 730](#).

[Senate File 577](#), a bill for an act relating to and making appropriations from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund and technology reinvestment fund, establishing a destination Iowa fund, providing for related matters, and including effective date provisions, was taken up for consideration.

Gjerde of Linn offered amendment [H-1363](#) filed by him and moved its adoption.

Roll call was requested by Gjerde of Linn and Steckman of Cerro Gordo.

On the question “Shall amendment [H-1363](#) be adopted?” ([S.F. 577](#))

The ayes were, 27:

Amos Jr.	Baeth	Bloomingtondale	Brown-Powers
Cahill	Cisneros	Cooling	Croken
Gjerde	Golding	Isenhardt	Jacoby
James	Kressig	Latham	Levin
Meyer, A.	Nielsen	Rinker	Sieck
Staed	Steckman	Turek	Wessel-Kroeschell
Wilburn	Wilson	Zabner	

The nays were, 63:

Abdul-Samad	Andrews	Bagniewski	Bergan
Best	Boden	Bossman	Buck
Carlson	Collins	Determann	Deyoe
Dieken	Dunwell	Fisher	Forbes



Fry	Gaines	Gehlbach	Gerhold
Grabber	Gustoff	Harris	Hayes
Holt	Hora	Ingels	Jeneary
Johnson	Jones	Judge	Kaufmann
Konfrst	Kurth	Lohse	Lundgren
Madison	Matson	Meggers	Meyer, B.
Mohr	Mommsen	Moore	Nordman
Osmundson	Sherman	Siegrist	Sorensen
Srinivas	Stoltenberg	Stone	Thompson, M.
Thompson, P.	Thomson	Vondran	Wheeler
Wills	Wilz	Windschitl	Wood
Wulf	Young	Speaker	
		Grassley	

Absent or not voting, 10:

Bradley	Ehlert	Gustafson	Henderson
Kniff McCulla	Olson	Scheetz	Scholten
Sexton	Shipley		

Amendment [H-1363](#) lost.

Bossman of Woodbury moved that the bill be read a last time now and placed upon its passage which motion prevailed and the bill was read a last time.

On the question "Shall the bill pass?" ([S.F. 577](#))

The ayes were, 84:

Abdul-Samad	Amos Jr.	Andrews	Baeth
Bagniewski	Bergan	Best	Bloomingtondale
Boden	Bossman	Brown-Powers	Buck
Cahill	Carlson	Cisneros	Collins
Cooling	Croken	Determann	Deyoe
Dieken	Dunwell	Fisher	Forbes
Fry	Gaines	Gehlbach	Gerhold
Golding	Grabber	Gustoff	Harris
Hayes	Holt	Hora	Ingels
Jacoby	Jeneary	Johnson	Jones
Judge	Kaufmann	Konfrst	Kressig
Kurth	Latham	Lohse	Lundgren
Madison	Matson	Meggers	Meyer, A.
Meyer, B.	Mohr	Mommsen	Moore
Nielsen	Nordman	Osmundson	Rinker
Sherman	Sieck	Siegrist	Sorensen
Srinivas	Staed	Stoltenberg	Stone
Thompson, M.	Thompson, P.	Thomson	Turek

Vondran	Wessel-Kroeschell	Wheeler	Wilburn
Wills	Wilson	Wilz	Windschitl
Wood	Wulf	Young	Speaker
			Grassley

The nays were, 6:

Gjerde	Isenhart	James	Levin
Steckman	Zabner		

Absent or not voting, 10:

Bradley	Ehlert	Gustafson	Henderson
Kniff McCulla	Olson	Scheetz	Scholten
Sexton	Shipley		

The bill having received a constitutional majority was declared to have passed the House and the title was agreed to.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence was granted during voting as follows:

Bradley of Jones	Ehlert of Linn
Gustafson of Warren	Henderson of Woodbury
Kniff McCulla of Marion	Olson of Polk
Scheetz of Linn	Scholten of Woodbury
Shipley of Van Buren	Sexton of Calhoun

#### IMMEDIATE MESSAGES

Windschitl of Harrison asked and received unanimous consent that the following bills be immediately messaged to the Senate: **House Files 660, 710** and **Senate Files 559** and **577**.

#### HOUSE FILES WITHDRAWN

Windschitl of Harrison asked and received unanimous consent to withdraw House Files 725 and 730 from further consideration by the House.

#### 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 May 4, 2023, passed the following bill in which the concurrence of the Senate was asked:

[House File 590](#), a bill for an act relating to moneys credited to the flood mitigation fund from fees collected for flying our colors registration plates.

Also: That the Senate has on May 4, 2023, passed the following bill in which the concurrence of the Senate was asked:

[House File 672](#), a bill for an act relating to certain specified employees of school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and charter schools, including renewal requirements associated with licenses issued by the board of educational examiners to practitioners with master's or doctoral degrees, fees associated with the review of certain specified records, and background checks for employees of school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and charter schools.

Also: That the Senate has on May 4, 2023, passed the following bill in which the concurrence of the Senate was asked:

[House File 677](#), a bill for an act relating to native winery and native brewery retail alcohol licenses.

Also: That the Senate has on May 4, 2023, passed the following bill in which the concurrence of the Senate was asked:

[House File 716](#), a bill for an act relating to elections, including primary elections, political party caucuses, updates to the statewide voter registration system, and costs of preparing lists of voters.

Also: That the Senate has on May 4, 2023, passed the following bill in which the concurrence of the Senate was asked:

[House File 719](#), a bill for an act relating to unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the rental of vehicles and making penalties applicable.

Also: That the Senate has on May 4, 2023, concurred in the House amendment and passed the following bill in which the concurrence of the Senate was asked:

[Senate File 219](#), a bill for an act relating to educational requirements for a permit to perform tattooing.

Also: That the Senate has on May 4, 2023, adopted the following resolution in which the concurrence of the House is asked:

[Senate Concurrent Resolution 7](#), a concurrent resolution to provide for adjournment sine die.

W. CHARLES SMITHSON, Secretary

## HOUSE AND SENATE FILES REREFERRED TO COMMITTEES

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

<a href="#">House Joint Resolution 6</a>	Judiciary
<a href="#">House Joint Resolution 7</a>	State Government
<a href="#">House File 132</a>	Education
<a href="#">House File 134</a>	Education
<a href="#">House File 180</a>	Education
<a href="#">House File 181</a>	Education
<a href="#">House File 182</a>	Education
<a href="#">House File 184</a>	Public Safety
<a href="#">House File 249</a>	Public Safety
<a href="#">House File 251</a>	Education
<a href="#">House File 254</a>	Education
<a href="#">House File 273</a>	Health and Human Services
<a href="#">House File 275</a>	Health and Human Services
<a href="#">House File 276</a>	Ways and Means
<a href="#">House File 281</a> (Attached <a href="#">Senate File 443</a> )	Local Government
<a href="#">House File 315</a>	Education
<a href="#">House File 336</a>	State Government
<a href="#">House File 343</a>	Health and Human Services
<a href="#">House File 360</a>	Education
<a href="#">House File 399</a>	Judiciary
<a href="#">House File 409</a>	Local Government
<a href="#">House File 422</a>	Public Safety
<a href="#">House File 447</a>	Education
<a href="#">House File 459</a>	Education
<a href="#">House File 460</a> (Attached <a href="#">Senate File 319</a> )	Labor and Workforce
<a href="#">House File 463</a>	Commerce
<a href="#">House File 464</a>	Education
<a href="#">House File 468</a>	Judiciary
<a href="#">House File 470</a>	State Government
<a href="#">House File 473</a>	Local Government
<a href="#">House File 495</a>	State Government
<a href="#">House File 496</a>	State Government
<a href="#">House File 498</a>	State Government
<a href="#">House File 539</a>	Local Government
<a href="#">House File 549</a>	Judiciary
<a href="#">House File 550</a>	Judiciary
<a href="#">House File 551</a>	Local Government
<a href="#">House File 552</a>	Economic Growth and Technology
<a href="#">House File 554</a>	Economic Growth and Technology
<a href="#">House File 556</a>	Public Safety
<a href="#">House File 569</a>	Judiciary
<a href="#">House File 571</a>	Agriculture
<a href="#">House File 578</a>	Labor and Workforce
<a href="#">House File 582</a>	Veterans Affairs
<a href="#">House File 586</a>	Transportation
<a href="#">House File 589</a>	Transportation

<a href="#">House File 591</a>		Transportation
<a href="#">House File 594</a>		Judiciary
<a href="#">House File 600</a>		Commerce
<a href="#">House File 606</a>		Education
<a href="#">House File 611</a>		Education
<a href="#">House File 616</a>		Education
<a href="#">House File 618</a>		Judiciary
<a href="#">House File 619</a>		Health and Human Services
<a href="#">House File 620</a>		Education
<a href="#">House File 624</a>		Public Safety
<a href="#">House File 627</a>		Public Safety
<a href="#">House File 628</a>		Public Safety
<a href="#">House File 629</a>		Public Safety
<a href="#">House File 633</a>		State Government
<a href="#">House File 637</a>		Judiciary
<a href="#">House File 638</a>		State Government
<a href="#">House File 643</a>		Judiciary
<a href="#">House File 649</a>		Judiciary
<a href="#">House File 650</a>		Judiciary
<a href="#">House File 658</a>		Education
<a href="#">House File 659</a>		Ways and Means
<a href="#">House File 665</a>		Ways and Means
<a href="#">House File 667</a>		Appropriations
<a href="#">House File 669</a>		Ways and Means
<a href="#">House File 676</a>		Ways and Means
<a href="#">House File 678</a>		Ways and Means
<a href="#">House File 698</a>		Appropriations
<a href="#">House File 702</a>		Ways and Means
<a href="#">House File 704</a>		Ways and Means
<a href="#">House File 705</a>		Local Government
<a href="#">House File 706</a>		Economic Growth and Technology
<a href="#">House File 712</a>		Ways and Means
<a href="#">House File 721</a>		Ways and Means
<a href="#">House File 722</a>		Ways and Means
<a href="#">Senate File 252</a>		Education
<a href="#">Senate File 319</a>	(Attached <a href="#">House File 460</a> )	Labor and Workforce
<a href="#">Senate File 326</a>		Health and Human Services
<a href="#">Senate File 345</a>		Ways and Means
<a href="#">Senate File 381</a>		Transportation
<a href="#">Senate File 411</a>		Commerce
<a href="#">Senate File 443</a>	(Attached <a href="#">House File 281</a> )	Local Government
<a href="#">Senate File 455</a>		Local Government
<a href="#">Senate File 484</a>		Education
<a href="#">Senate File 547</a>		Transportation
<a href="#">Senate File 574</a>		Ways and Means

## REMARKS BY MINORITY LEADER KONFRST

Thank you, Mister Speaker.

I want to take a few moments to say thank you and offer some brief reflections about session.

First, I want to thank the folks who work for LSA, the Chief Clerk's office, and everyone behind the scenes who make this place run. You are unsung heroes. And boy do we throw a lot at you, and we are grateful for your flexibility, your skill, your talent, and your commitment to our state. So, thank you.

I want to also thank my colleagues in the House Democratic Caucus. The mighty 36 of us, the lowest number we will ever be. Right now, today. And how much I've enjoyed working with each of you this session. We've learned a lot, we've changed, we've grown, we've adapted, and I think we've made some moves this year that can make Iowa better. And that's something we can be proud of. You're quite a group and I'm honored to lead you.

To our freshmen. I appreciate your commitment to making this place work and your commitment to learning the job of legislator. And for focusing on actually making policy better. Friends, no one likes caucus but in caucus, we talk about policy, we talk about legislation, we talk about what's right for Iowa. And that is so refreshing. And especially with our freshmen who have reinvigorated that in all of us. I want to thank you.

To my colleagues in the Iowa House, especially the freshmen from the other side, I've enjoyed getting to know you and working with you. I appreciate the opportunity to serve with you here. And I'm honored to be in the 90<sup>th</sup> General Assembly with you.

To my leadership team. Representative Lindsay James, you have seen me at my worst and you are patient. Thank you. To my all-female leadership team of Representative Nielsen, Representative Matson, Representative Steckman, and Representative Cahill. Thank you for helping to lead this caucus toward a better Iowa.

To our staff. Speaking of seeing me at my worst, Jake, Dean, Anna, Brian, Rachele, Steph, Dave, Bill, Kelsey, Alison, and Jessye. Thank you!

To Speaker Grassley and Leader Windschitl, thank you, sincerely. For being friends, and people that I respect and can work with. This relationship is so important to me. And I think it has made this session better. The fact that we talk daily. The fact that we had great conversations in your office, Speaker Grassley, and in mine, made this session better. And that's the way it's supposed to work. You are wrong on politics, you think I am wrong on politics, but we can agree that this chamber, this body, deserves respect. And deserves to run in a way that is respectful to the process. And for that, we will always agree.

You know I'm going to say some things that we didn't like this session. We had a few kumbaya moments, and we are going to wrap up with some more. But here are just a couple of things we could have done better this session.

If you are a public school teacher or an educator out there, you're probably feeling a little beaten down by the legislature. And I want to say, we know. House Democrats want to do better for you. We are going to try.

For kids who are just trying to find their way in life. For our trans-Iowans, for our LGBTQ kids, for our families who feel targeted this session, who feel that they're being targeted for who they are and how they live, and just want the freedom to be themselves. Please know that we see you, we love you, and you belong here, in Iowa. No matter what this body might send you as a message.

To Iowans who feel like your lawmakers aren't listening to you, we are and we hear you. And we will continue to work together to find ways to do better.

You know this session we focused a lot on politics and not as much on people. And I think we can do better.

We could have lowered costs for Iowan, instead, we gave some tax cuts to big corporations.

We could have made Iowa a welcoming place and boosted our workforce, instead, we chose to ban training on diversity, racism, and sexism and to make Iowans feel less welcome.

We could raise wages, we took away food from kids and seniors.

We could have trusted parents and educators, instead we banned books and censored instruction.

We could have lowered the cost of insulin, instead, we denied healthcare to healthcare to LGBTQ Iowans.

We could have invested in public schools, we chose to invest in private school vouchers.

So those are things that I think we could have done better. And now Iowans are worse off because of some of the work we did this session. I look forward to doing more together next session. And I see glimmers of hope here at the end.

Property taxes. We were able to address the property tax situation in a bipartisan way that truly does show that this chamber as a whole is listening to Iowans and working to address high property taxes. You've all gotten calls from your city governments, and so have we - we know. But we are listening to mutual constituents and trying to address their property tax burden. I'm glad we worked together on that.

But I've got to tell you, this is my fifth year here and the thing I'm proudest of is the fact that, because of the work that we did in this chamber, a 14-year-old won't fall off a roof and die. Because of the work we did in this chamber 15-year-olds will be safe. Because of the work we did in this chamber businesses can still hire 16 and 17-year-olds to deliver alcohol in their facility but we made it safer for them - together. My favorite days were the ones where we sat down in Speaker Grassley's office or in my office with Leader Windschitl and talked about what can we agree on.

My friends, that's how it's supposed to work. And it gives me hope. And the fact that the Senate saw it and went along with it, is as good as is it surprising. So I'm grateful that we did that because my friends, Iowa is better because of that amendment to that bill.

I love this job. And I love this place. It means so much to me. I was 10 years old and I was the kid who came up for spring break with my dad. And he was sitting in that seat right there where Katie Akin is. And he had to go cover something, and so he left me to sit on the bench. I was wearing a dress, and I grabbed that light pole right there and spun around on it in the middle of session. Let's just say that I had to be told not to because I was wearing a dress and spinning if that gives any indication of why I needed to be told to get down.

And I have loved this place ever since. And when I used to go back into the Speaker's Office when it was Speaker Don Avenson. There was a time when I saw where the Speaker was in his office and I was out front bothering the staff and I heard Don Avenson, a huge presence a huge voice, yelling at full volume at another State Representative that was a Republican. I was 10, and they were screaming. I was scared to death. When they walked out, they were laughing, and they padded each other on the back and they came in and voted against each other. And I said to my dad that night on the way home, "How does that work? How does it work that they were so mad at each other and they are still friends?" And he said, "It doesn't work any other way."

And that is what I have learned this session. If you're in my caucus or the Republican caucus and you've chosen to dislike another legislator because of how they vote, you are missing an opportunity in this chamber. If you are not talking to people in the other party and seeing the humanity in others. And do not see where we can work together. You are missing an opportunity.

So as you reflect on session, think about how we've been to each other as people. And remember that we all have the same goal. The relationship I share with Speaker Grassley and Leader Windschitl is one that demonstrates, I think, how it can be.

So I look forward to taking the glimmers of hope, bipartisan work together at the end of session. And moving those into the next legislative session to truly do things that are good for Iowans. We still will disagree. We still are right and you are wrong. But at the end of the day, we know that we all care about this state, we should get along and we should model that for other Iowans. Because when politics is divisive, and politics is ugly, let's not do what they do, let's model better. It's our responsibility as elected officials and I look forward to working with each of you next session. Thank you.

#### REMARKS BY MAJORITY LEADER WINDSCHITL

Remarks were given by Majority Leader Windschitl.



## REMARKS BY SPEAKER GRASSLEY

Good Afternoon, everyone. Congratulations. We've made it to the end of the 2023 Legislative Session.

First, let me begin with some thank you's I owe to so many of the people in the room who have worked hard all session long in service to this great state.

Thank you to my caucus for giving me the honor to serve another session as Speaker. And thank you for all of your hard work delivering on the promises we made to Iowans.

Chief Clerk Meghan Nelson - I have no idea how you keep this train on the tracks every day. You and your team in your office do such a fantastic job keeping all of us in order.

Pages, Clerks, Doormen and women, Sgt. at Arms - You're an integral part of the work we do in this chamber.

House Republican Staff - Jeff, Brad, Kristi, Kristin, Natalie, Jason, Amanda, Lew, Reagan, Mackenzie, Anna and Melissa - I believe we have some of the very best in the business in our House Republican staff.

My chief of staff Cord Overton - I really wanted to see you snap this session but you stayed way too positive and upbeat the whole time. Not to mention, you did it all while you and your wife welcomed twins into the world. In all seriousness, I really appreciate the great work you've done for me this year.

Minority Leader Konfrst - Throughout the disagreements, I think we came together to deliver some great legislation for our constituents. I have a lot of respect for you and appreciate working with you in your role.

And finally, Majority Leader Windschitl - My respect for you has continued to only grow. As has my appreciation for having you as my partner and my friend to lead this caucus with.

Okay, that was a lot of thank you's so I'll be brief in giving you a quick synopsis of all we have to be proud of this session.

On day 1, House Republicans put out a list of House Files 1-13, outlining our priorities for this 2023 session. As I sit here today, 8 have been sent to the Governor's Desk. And we followed through on another four here in the House chamber.

We made property tax reform [House File 1](#). It was a top concern for Iowans so it was a top priority for us. This week, we sent \$100 million in property tax relief to the Governor's Desk. And laid the groundwork to further the conversation and deliver more relief in the future.

In response to Workforce challenges, this year's budget launched the Workforce Grant Incentive Program with 6.5 million dollars to fund scholarships for students studying to fill high-need jobs in Iowa.

We hear consistently from parents about the leftist indoctrination taking place in our schools. So we expanded school choice, prohibited curriculum that isn't age-appropriate, and made sure schools can't keep secrets from parents.

Honestly, our plan year after year is simple. We just listen to Iowans.

House Republicans represent all 99 of Iowa's 99 counties. We're in a better position than ever to have our pulse on the priorities of Iowans.

We listened to Iowans.  
We told Iowans our agenda.  
And we delivered on our promises.

And we have A LOT to be proud of from this session.

We've reached that point in session where its time to head home to our districts, make sure Iowans know all we delivered on this session, and receive further instructions from our constituents.

Thank you.

#### ADOPTION OF [SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 7](#)

Windschitl of Harrison asked and received unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of [Senate Concurrent Resolution 7](#), a concurrent resolution to provide for adjournment sine die, and moved its adoption.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

#### IMMEDIATE MESSAGE

Windschitl of Harrison asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate Concurrent Resolution 7](#) be immediately messaged to the Senate.

#### BILL ENROLLED, SIGNED AND SENT TO GOVERNOR

The Chief Clerk of the House submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker: The Chief Clerk of the House respectfully reports that the following bill has been examined and found correctly enrolled, signed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, and presented to the Governor for approval on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023: [House File 718](#).

MEGHAN NELSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MR. SPEAKER: The Chief Clerk of the House respectfully reports that the following committee recommendation has been received and is on file in the office of the Chief Clerk:

MEGHAN NELSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

## COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

[Senate File 574](#), a bill for an act establishing the major economic growth attraction program to be administered by the economic development authority, and providing penalties.

Fiscal Note: **No**

Recommendation: **Do Pass** May 3, 2023. Placed on **Ways and Means calendar**, May 4, 2023.

## AMENDMENTS FILED

<a href="#">H-1367</a>	<a href="#">H.F. 660</a>	Senate amendment
<a href="#">H-1368</a>	<a href="#">S.F. 574</a>	Thomson of Floyd

## FINAL ADJOURNMENT

By virtue of [Senate Concurrent Resolution 7](#), duly adopted, the day of Thursday, May 4, 2023, having arrived, the Speaker of the House of Representatives declared the 2023, Regular Session of the Ninetieth General Assembly adjourned sine die at 12:33 p.m.