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SECOND CALENDAR DAY
SECOND SESSION DAY

Senate Chamber
Des Moines, Iowa, Tuesday, January 13, 2009

The Senate met in regular session at 8:45 a.m., President Kibbie presiding.

Prayer was offered by Father Brad Braley, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa. He was the guest of Senator Danielson.

The Journal of Monday, January 12, 2009, was approved.

The Senate stood at ease at 8:50 a.m. until the fall of the gavel for the purpose of party caucuses.

The Senate resumed session at 9:38 a.m., President Kibbie presiding.

COMMITTEE FROM THE HOUSE

A committee from the House appeared and announced that the House was ready to receive the Senate in joint convention.

In accordance with [House Concurrent Resolution 1](#), duly adopted, the Senate proceeded to the House chamber under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Sergeant-at-Arms.

JOINT CONVENTION

The joint convention convened at 9:44 a.m., President Kibbie presiding.

Senator Gronstal moved that the roll call be dispensed with and that the President of the joint convention be authorized to declare a quorum present, which motion prevailed by a voice vote.

President Kibbie declared a quorum present and the joint convention duly organized.

Senator Gronstal moved that a committee of six, three members from the Senate and three members from the House, be appointed to notify Governor Chester J. Culver that the joint convention was ready to receive them.

The motion prevailed by a voice vote and the Chair announced the appointment of Senators Hogg, Appel, and Noble, on the part of the Senate, and Representatives Winckler, Beard, and Schulte, on the part of the House.

Secretary of State Michael Mauro, Treasurer of State Michael Fitzgerald, Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey, Auditor of State David A. Vaudt, and Attorney General Tom Miller were escorted into the House chamber.

Chief Justice Ternus and the Justices of the Supreme Court and Chief Judge Sackett and the Judges of the Court of Appeals were escorted into the House chamber.

Lieutenant Governor Patty Judge was escorted into the House chamber.

Mrs. Culver, the Governor's wife; members of the Culver family, and recently retired General Ron Dardis and his wife, Carmel, were escorted into the House chamber.

The committee waited upon Governor Chester J. Culver and escorted him to the Speaker's station.

President Kibbie presented Governor Chester J. Culver, who delivered the following Condition of the State Address:

I want to begin by welcoming all of you, especially the newly elected members of the General Assembly, to your State Capitol.

2008 was a year we will never forget! May 25th began like any other spring day in the city of Parkersburg. Just as in hundreds of communities statewide, families were gathered together, celebrating high school graduations, enjoying the Memorial Day weekend, and looking forward to the start of summer.

By sunset on that same day, the lives of all citizens of Parkersburg were changed, forever.

At just before 5:00 p.m., a horrific F5 tornado, the worst in our state's history, ripped through town. City Hall, businesses, banks, restaurants – and 220 homes – were all gone.

This mile-wide tornado traveled nearly 45 miles, through three counties, affecting not just Parkersburg, but Aplington, New Hartford, Waterloo, and Dunkerton. Before the winds stopped, 67 people were injured, and 8 people tragically lost their lives.

The storm also destroyed the physical symbol of the heart and soul of Parkersburg: the Aplington-Parkersburg High School. The classrooms, gymnasium, stadium, and football field – a field which, over the years, had come to be known as the sacred acre – were all leveled.

Once the tornado stopped, football Coach Ed Thomas – whose own house was destroyed – walked to what was left of the field, and pledged to play the first game of the season on time, and at home. Players, coaches, strangers, and busloads of students from other schools volunteered to help clean up the mess. They got on their knees and, moving shoulder-to-shoulder, criss-crossed the field, one way and then the other, pulling up glass, wood, and other debris that the F5 tornado winds had driven into the turf. Rival high schools conducted fundraising drives that yielded tens of thousands of dollars in cash donations. Four former football players from Coach Thomas's teams now playing in the National Football League led their own fundraising drive through the NFL charity program. Iowa companies even donated new game lights and turf! As a result of all of these efforts, and the generosity of Iowans and Americans, the entire football stadium was rebuilt!

And on September 5th, I was proud to join Coach Thomas to attend the very first home game of the Aplington-Parkersburg football team! Well, guess what: Parkersburg won!

These young student-athletes from Aplington-Parkersburg shared one goal: to rebuild the school they loved and the community they call home! Their team spirit – of faith, optimism, and resilience – is what makes Iowa such a great place. As a former high-school teacher, and coach, I know from experience, this kind of teamwork is something we can emulate and be very proud of!

Now, I want to recognize the one of the most valuable players on our team, my friend and partner Lt. Gov. Patty Judge. Patty has stood by me through successes, and through challenges, most recently the storms of 2008. So, I want to thank the Lt. Governor for her tireless work on behalf of Iowans!

And, to the love of my life, and the First Lady of Iowa. Thanks for being such an incredible mother to our two wonderful children, Clare and John. And thank you for being a champion for Iowa's at-risk women and children, too!

Fellow statewide elected officials: Attorney General Miller, your work in consumer protection, fighting predatory lending, and preventing foreclosures, is inspiring. Treasurer Fitzgerald, you have helped open the door for thousands of Iowa college students. Secretary Mauro, you presided over the most successful election in Iowa's history – and helped make history in the process. Secretary Northey, you are making sure Iowa farmers feed and fuel the world, and Auditor Vaudt, we share a commitment to fiscal responsibility and balancing budgets.

I also want to thank my friends in the Judicial Branch: Chief Justice Ternus, Supreme Court Justices, Chief Judge Sackett, and members of the Court of Appeals, thank you for your service. Department heads, and state employees, your work is appreciated, too!

Additionally, I want to thank you, the Members of the General Assembly, and your leadership team: President Kibbie and Speaker Murphy; Leaders Gronstal, McCarthy, McKinley and Paulsen. And, to every Legislator: thank you for your willingness to work together for the betterment of all Iowans!

I also want to take a moment to recognize a former Legislator, who is bravely battling cancer, Senate Leader and Legislator Mary Lundby of Marion. I want her, her family and friends, to know they will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

This is a great team!! Not a team of rivals, but of excellent public officials, and I'm honored to work with all of you every day!

In addition, I want to acknowledge another valuable member of the team; Major General Ron Dardis. For over four decades, General Dardis has proudly worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces. Soon, he will retire his uniform, and pass the torch to Colonel Tim Orr, who will become the next Adjutant General of the Iowa Guard.

Last summer, under the leadership of General Dardis, more than 4,000 members of the Iowa Guard worked with first responders statewide in our flood fight. Their heroic actions saved countless lives. This was the largest single deployment of our Guard troops since the Civil War.

General Dardis has led the Guard during a very difficult time for Iowa's military families, too. Let's always remember Iowa's Eternal Patriots, the 68 Iowans who, since 9/11, wore the uniform, but sadly never made it home. They gave their lives for the country we all love.

Now, I would like to ask General Dardis to stand and be recognized by all of us here!

Finally, I want to thank all members of the Armed Services, past and present – including State Representative Chambers, who was recently deployed. I simply want to say we owe you a debt of gratitude, for your bravery, service, and commitment to Iowa.

During the disasters of 2008, these Iowa values of bravery, service, and commitment were never more evident.

The tornados, floods, and storms which killed and injured so many at the Little Sioux Scout Camp, and in too many communities across Iowa, didn't discriminate in the pain they caused.

But at the same time, we saw – together – that first responders and thousands of volunteers also didn't distinguish between old and young, rich or poor. They didn't ask if you were black, white, or brown, urban or rural. Volunteers clearing debris didn't ask if you were Democrat or Republican! Instead, they asked, Are you okay? What do you need? and How can we help?

Let's carry that lesson with us this legislative session. How can we stand together, shoulder to shoulder, as a team – to rebuild Iowa? How can we help ease the pain, for those still suffering? How can we put people back to work, create jobs, invest in our infrastructure, and balance the budget?

Well, I believe that's our duty. Our constituents sent us here to work as a team, and to provide solutions to today's challenges!

Our Iowa values of optimism, resilience, hard work, determination, and caring about your neighbor in need have carried us from our first days as a state. So, it gives me a great deal of pride to stand before you, even in a season with many challenges and say:

The Condition of our State is strong, because the people of Iowa are strong!

I believe this, because Iowans are tough. We're never better than when our backs are against the wall. We stand tall, and never give up. In Iowa, we keep our promises. Our word is our bond. We stand up for Iowa values. We work together – like a team – to get things done!

And so, I believe our first order of business of the 2009 Legislative session must be to rebuild the state we all love!

I believe real images seen in cities like Cedar Rapids, Palo, Coralville, Waterloo, Cedar Falls, and Oakville tell the story of the damage and devastation better than any words ever could.

Now, let's all be reminded of what our state has been through.

[VIDEO: In Deep Water – The Flood of 2008]

The rebuilding has begun. But there's much more work to do, and that's why I need your help this session.

The good news is, we've made some real progress. For example, more than \$520 million in federal money – has been committed to support more than 5,400 projects in 513 cities, counties, and school districts throughout the state. This will help us rebuild our public infrastructure: everything from roads to schools, from senior centers to water treatment plants.

In addition, more than more than \$260 million in both state and federal funds are helping 24,000 Iowans repair or replace their homes damaged by last summer's storms. Nearly 1,000 small businesses are receiving over \$135 million in state and federal money to re-open their doors.

And, over 2,200 Iowans, who lost their jobs because of the storms, are getting a helping hand from \$6.5 million in Disaster Unemployment Assistance. Another \$4 million is being used to provide crisis counseling and mental health services to literally tens of thousands of Iowa families impacted by the storms. And, \$500,000 in Iowa College Aid has helped more than 400 flood-affected students to stay in school and pay their tuition.

Finally, in the days following the disaster, I asked the private sector to be a part of our Rebuild Iowa team. Thanks to the leadership of Barry Griswell, Fred Hubbell, Bill Knapp, Jim Cownie, Pat Baird, the Des Moines Register, generous Iowa businesses, and individual donors nationwide, the Embrace Iowa fundraising effort has raised nearly \$8 million!

In total, nearly one and a half billion dollars in state, federal, and private-sector money has been secured to date to assist in our rebuilding efforts.

In addition, the Rebuild Iowa Commission, with the help of 15 dedicated private citizens, issued a comprehensive report with their key flood recovery recommendations.

We've also created the Rebuild Iowa Office that serves as a clearinghouse for all flood recovery efforts, and coordinates our day-to-day rebuilding plans.

Now it's time to take the next steps. Let's start this session by acting quickly on three key areas related to flood recovery.

Number one: I respectfully ask you to immediately pass the \$43 million Rebuild Iowa Bill that I've submitted to you. I recommend we use money from the Rainy Day Fund to pay for this.

Our cash reserves and Rainy Day Funds are at historic levels - \$620 million. By comparison, after the floods of '93 we had only \$48 million in our reserves. This Rainy Day Fund is essential for the state to provide services during emergencies and economic downturns. Well, during the floods of 2008, it rained, it rained, and it rained.

So, I believe it's necessary to now use some of the money from this fund to pay for the costs associated with our ongoing disaster recovery efforts. This \$43 million will help struggling communities like Cedar Rapids pay their bills, assist non-profits and cultural organizations, and provide much needed financial assistance for individuals and families still facing challenges.

It also will provide additional funding to address unmet rental housing and small business needs, which are currently not eligible for federal funds. And, it keeps the doors open at the newly established Rebuild Iowa Office, so the state can continue to play a vital role in coordinating all flood recovery efforts.

So, I want to formally ask you to pass this Rebuild Iowa Funding Bill without delay, and send it to my desk as soon as possible.

Number two: the Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission report identifies twelve key areas of concern. So, I'm asking you to act upon these recommendations this session. Modern flood plain mapping, levee mitigation, disaster insurance, watershed management, and first responder and emergency management training are all important issues that need to be addressed.

In addition to the devastation of the natural disasters, Iowans have been hit by another perfect storm – but this time, it's an economic one. We're dealing with a severe recession, the likes of which we haven't seen since the Great Depression. And, it has already displaced Iowa workers and threatened jobs.

So, now, the third step I'm asking you to take responds to both of these disasters.

In an effort to stimulate economic growth during this recession, create good private sector jobs, and address unmet infrastructure needs, I propose the creation of the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Authority. But when I say infrastructure, I'm not just talking about bridges and roads. I mean all infrastructure: rail, trails, public buildings, water and sewer treatment facilities, the utility grid, and telecommunications, too.

But, there's no time to wait! This legislative session, we must address every facet of our 21st century infrastructure, to ensure that we continue to grow our economy and support the jobs of the future.

In fact, for every \$100 million spent on highway construction alone, more than 4,000 new jobs are created! Infrastructure investment is essential for not only job creation, but for keeping existing jobs in Iowa. So, the authority will create and then issue up to \$700 million of bonds, over the next several years.

It will also allow us to build upon any additional federal stimulus or flood recovery funds our state might receive in the future.

We can do this! This is the first time our state's history we've earned a Triple-A bond rating. And I intend to use it!

So, we're cutting back on the day-to-day expenditures of state government. But, at the same time, we will be investing in bricks and mortar – to create jobs and keep our economy going. And we're in a position to pay back the bonds without raising taxes.

The Rebuild Iowa Investment Bonds will be funded through existing gaming revenue, and will provide grants and loans for projects statewide.

Just as we locked arms and worked together during the flood fight, we must continue our efforts, as partners – to Rebuild Iowa by investing in and modernizing our infrastructure.

Our second real challenge this session is to balance the budget. As you know, along with the rest of the nation, we're now entering a period of economic upheaval.

However, unlike the federal government, we can't deficit spend. And, we're not going to tax our way out of this, like California or New York.

While I know our nation's short-term economic future is uncertain, I believe our state's long-term future is bright. Our future will be bright if we use Iowa common-sense in planning our budget. When we do, I believe we will emerge from this recession in a better position to lead.

Let's be clear. This economic challenge is historic in its scope. Its roots can be traced to the greedy actions of a few on Wall Street, lack of financial oversight, and misguided federal policies from Washington.

All of these things have consequences. The result is an economic recession that is hitting families and main streets, factories and farms across the nation. As we speak, 44 states are either in, or headed towards, a deficit for fiscal year 2009. Additionally, according to the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, these states are projected to have budget shortfalls as high as \$140 billion collectively by 2010. Yes, that's \$140 billion!

In short, this worldwide recession is affecting nearly every state in the nation, no matter if they are big or small, rural or urban, Democratic or Republican. This is the economic reality. And I believe it's our responsibility to limit the impact of this recession on hardworking Iowans.

Let's stay true to our Iowa values by effectively managing the budget for the rest of fiscal year 2009, and for 2010. Regarding the 2009 budget, we've already made progress in the Executive Branch, by making some tough decisions. For example, when the state's revenues fell short of projections last fall, I started with my own office, and my own departments, telling them to cut waste, cut unnecessary travel, and freeze state hiring. These selective cuts, totaling \$40 million were not easy – but they were the right thing to do.

Then, on December 22nd, as revenues continued to lag, I invoked my Executive Authority to make a 1.5 percent across-the-board cut in general fund spending. This saved the state \$90 million!

But this must be a team effort. As Governor, I'm limited in what I can do within the Executive Branch. So, here is what I'm asking you to do to ensure we balance the budget for fiscal year 2009.

Number one: De-appropriate \$37 million for the new state office building.

Number two: Approve the transfer of \$10 million from accounts and funds that I've requested.

Number three: I'm asking you for one exception to my across-the-board cut. Corrections Officers and Troopers are essential to our public safety, and I want to make sure these positions are not cut.

I, for one, accept the responsibility to manage our state through these turbulent times. I will stand up for you, tell it like it is, and you can hold me accountable for what happens on my watch.

So, I'll be very frank. Most of us here – in fact, all of us – won't like some of the effects of these cuts. But all Iowans must share in the responsibility to keep our fiscal house in order. Simply put, if Iowans are being asked to do more with less, then so should our government!

Here's what we're going to do. Make government more lean and efficient, create infrastructure jobs, and cut spending. This means some services will be cut. And, as I've said, because of the national recession, I believe this is no time to raise taxes on hardworking Iowans.

Here's the good news: Iowa is well-positioned to get through this worldwide and national recession. In fact, we're better situated than almost every other state in the nation. For example, our \$620 million cash reserves and Triple-A bond rating allow us to do some things that other states may find impossible to do. Our unemployment rate is considerably lower than the national average. And, companies like Aviva, Microsoft, and Google have come to Iowa – investing billions while creating hundreds of new, good paying jobs. In addition, we've attracted new companies to Iowa like Acciona, Clipper, TPI, Siemens, and Trinity – which have created thousands of wind energy jobs in every corner of the state.

Now, regarding the 2010 budget, which I'm required to submit to you by the end of the month. President-elect Obama and Congress have already started working on an economic stimulus package designed to assist the states.

This will impact our 2010 budget and it could help us address some of our education and health care needs.

But, for the time being, we don't know what the final package will look like. And we will be constrained by a tight budget year. However, I am asking you to do all you can to protect the investments we've made together.

For example, in the Iowa Power Fund, which has helped create green collar jobs of future statewide. And, let's keep Iowa a national leader in education. Let's keep working to make health care more accessible, and affordable. And let's build upon our progress on making Iowa the renewable energy capitol of the United States, and the silicon valley of the Midwest!

But as we do, let's agree that everything's on the table with respect to balancing the budget and finding cost savings in state government. Let's take this opportunity to improve the way our government works. Let's not be afraid of changing how we do business. I believe we should explore the sale or lease of some state assets; let's consolidate state contracts and group purchasing agreements, and use other sensible ways to save taxpayers' money!

In closing, we have a strong, talented citizenry who demand that their political leaders pull together to get the job done. So, let's waste no time in getting to work.

Neither the natural disasters, nor the economic recession, are the fault of Iowans. But the difficulties each create are something we must all face together, and our constituents are counting on us.

2009 will be a year of challenges – some as great as any our country has ever faced. And today, I've asked you – the members of the Legislature – to make some tough decisions.

These are difficult days – but in Iowa, we don't run from challenges, we tackle them head-on. Our state was built by the hard work and sweat of people who weren't afraid to take on this land with all of its challenges. They believed, as I do, that in every challenge, is an opportunity.

So, despite some setbacks, I am both optimistic and confident about what the future holds for our state. Let's put partisan politics aside and work together as a team for the good of all Iowans. When we do, I believe our best and brightest days are ahead of us.

Governor Chester J. Culver was escorted from the House chamber by the committee previously appointed.

Representative McCarthy moved that the joint convention be dissolved, which motion prevailed by a voice vote.

The Senate returned to the Senate chamber.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Gronstal, the Senate adjourned at 10:53 a.m. until 8:45 a.m., Wednesday, January 14, 2009.

APPENDIX

AGENCY ICN REPORT

Iowa Communications Network (ICN) usage report for FY 2008, pursuant to Iowa Code section 8D.10, was received from the following agency:

IOWA VETERANS HOME – Report received January 13, 2009.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

The Secretary of the Senate issued the following certificate of recognition:

Jacob Deutmeyer—For achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, Boy Scout Troop 39. Senator Schoenjahn (1/13/09).

Eva Doyle—For celebrating her 80th birthday. Senator Courtney (1/13/09).

Marjorie Elinore Kurtz—For celebrating her 90th birthday. Senator Courtney (1/13/09).

Dylan Slattery—For achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, Boy Scout Troop 39. Senator Schoenjahn (1/13/09).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

COMMERCE

Convened: Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Warnstadt, Chair; Heckroth, Vice Chair; Wieck, Ranking Member; Bolkcom, Courtney, Dandekar, Hartsuch, Kettering, Olive, Rielly, Schmitz, Stewart, and Ward.

Members Absent: Behn and McCoy (both excused).

Committee Business: Organizational meeting.

Adjourned: 3:10 p.m.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

Convened: Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 1:05 p.m.

Members Present: Stewart, Chair; Olive, Vice Chair; Houser, Ranking Member; Dandekar, Dotzler, Hamerlinck, Heckroth, Kapucian, Reynolds, Rielly, Schmitz, Wieck, and Wilhelm.

Members Absent: Beall and Hatch (both excused).

Committee Business: Organizational meeting, presentation on Power Fund.

Adjourned: 1:35 p.m.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Convened: Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dearden, Chair; Hancock, Vice Chair; Hahn, Ranking Member; Bartz, Bolcom, Fraise, Johnson, Kettering, Noble, Ragan, Schoenjahn, and Seng.

Members Absent: Black (excused).

Committee Business: Rules and introductions.

Adjourned: 1:25 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION

Convened: Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 2:05 p.m.

Members Present: Rielly, Chair; Beall, Vice Chair; Noble, Ranking Member; Dandekar, Danielson, Hahn, Hancock, Heckroth, Kapucian, Reynolds, Warnstadt, and Zaun.

Members Absent: McCoy (excused).

Committee Business: Organizational meeting.

Adjourned: 2:20 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

[Senate File 6](#), by Heckroth, a bill for an act lowering the compulsory school attendance age and providing for properly related matters.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Education**.

[Senate File 7](#), by Kettering, a bill for an act relating to notice of public disclosure of certain workers' compensation information.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Labor and Business Relations**.

[Senate File 8](#), by Kettering, a bill for an act relating to transportation provided to children attending a preschool program administered by a community empowerment area.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Education**.

[Senate File 9](#), by Ragan, a bill for an act relating to the disposition of school property and providing an effective date.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Education**.

[Senate File 10](#), by Johnson, a bill for an act relating to soil and water conservation, by providing for a fund and the deposit into the fund of civil penalties arising from violations involving storm water discharges.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Agriculture**.

[Senate File 11](#), by Johnson, a bill for an act relating to establishing a process for reimbursement of nonparticipating providers for eligible services provided to IowaCare program members.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Human Resources**.

[Senate File 12](#), by Kibbie, a bill for an act relating to the mailing of a certified copy of a certificate or record by the state registrar of vital statistics.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Human Resources**.

[Senate File 13](#), by Hancock, a bill for an act relating to consuming and possessing alcohol, and providing penalties.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Judiciary**.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

[Senate File 1](#)

COMMERCE: Rielly, Chair; Hartsuch and Heckroth

[Senate File 7](#)

LABOR AND BUSINESS RELATIONS: Dearden, Chair; Gronstal and Ward

[SSB 1001](#)

HUMAN RESOURCES: Dotzler, Chair; Hartsuch and Ragan

[SSB 1002](#)

HUMAN RESOURCES: Schmitz, Chair; Quirnbach and Seymour

[SSB 1003](#)

HUMAN RESOURCES: Schmitz, Chair; Johnson and Wilhelm

[SSB 1004](#)

HUMAN RESOURCES: Hatch, Chair; Boettger and Ragan

[SSB 1005](#)

VETERANS AFFAIRS: Warnstadt, Chair; Seymour and Black

[SSB 1006](#)

VETERANS AFFAIRS: Kibbie, Chair; Hartsuch and Sadders

[SSB 1007](#)

VETERANS AFFAIRS: Danielson, Chair; Seymour and Ragan

[SSB 1008](#)

EDUCATION: Wilhelm, Chair; Appel and Hamerlinck

[SSB 1009](#)

EDUCATION: Dvorsky, Chair; Feenstra and Heckroth

[SSB 1010](#)

EDUCATION: Beall, Chair; Hamerlinck and Quirmbach

[SSB 1011](#)

EDUCATION: Schmitz, Chair; Boettger and Kreiman

[SSB 1012](#)

EDUCATION: Quirmbach, Chair; Dvorsky and McKinley

[SSB 1013](#)

EDUCATION: Heckroth, Chair; Johnson and Soddors

[SSB 1014](#)

EDUCATION: Appel, Chair; Boettger and Schoenjahn

[SSB 1015](#)

EDUCATION: Heckroth, Chair; McKinley and Wilhelm

[SSB 1016](#)

EDUCATION: Schoenjahn, Chair; Johnson and Schmitz

[SSB 1017](#)

ETHICS: Fraise, Chair; Dearden and Kettering

[SSB 1018](#)

ETHICS: Dearden, Chair; Fraise and Behn

[SSB 1019](#)

COMMERCE: Rielly, Chair; Olive and Ward

[SSB 1020](#)

COMMERCE: Warnstadt, Chair; Behn and Courtney

[SSB 1021](#)

COMMERCE: McCoy, Chair; Kettering and Stewart

[SSB 1022](#)

COMMERCE: Olive, Chair; Kettering and Stewart

STUDY BILLS RECEIVED

[SSB 1001](#) **Human Resources**

To allow physician assistants to form a professional corporation or limited liability company.

[SSB 1002](#) **Human Resources**

Requiring health insurance coverage for costs relating to mental health conditions, including alcohol or substance abuse treatment services, and creating a mental health insurance advisory committee.

[SSB 1003](#) **Human Resources**

Relating to requiring reports for certain precursor substances and extending an information program for drug prescribing and dispensing and providing an effective date.

[SSB 1004](#) **Human Resources**

Creating an Iowa collaboration for youth development council and state of Iowa youth advisory council in the department of human rights.

[SSB 1005](#) **Veterans Affairs**

Requiring the department of veterans affairs to prepare a report related to the activities of county commissions of veteran affairs.

[SSB 1006](#) **Veterans Affairs**

Relating to the definition of resident for purposes of tuition and fees for qualified veterans at Iowa's public universities and community colleges.

SSB 1007 **Veterans Affairs**

Establishing an Iowa veterans college loan repayment program and making an appropriation.

SSB 1008 **Education**

Relating to the duties and operations of library districts.

SSB 1009 **Education**

Relating to the use of certain levy funds for school transportation and utility expenses.

SSB 1010 **Education**

Allowing school districts to count foreign exchange pupils in certified enrollment counts for budget and funding purposes.

SSB 1011 **Education**

Relating to the duties and operations of the department of education and local school boards.

SSB 1012 **Education**

Relating to the compulsory school attendance age and providing effective dates.

SSB 1013 **Education**

Relating to assisting schools to recover from disaster by changing the approval method for transfers of emergency fund moneys, by modifying certain funding provisions to relate to disaster recovery, and by allowing area education agency boards greater authority to purchase and lease-purchase property.

SSB 1014 **Education**

Providing for the establishment of a school district innovation grant program.

SSB 1015 **Education**

Relating to certain reporting requirements or actions required of the department of education, school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and community colleges.

SSB 1016 **Education**

Relating to the establishment and implementation of a statewide writing assessment for public school students in grades three, six, and ten.

SSB 1017 **Ethics**

Relating to the Senate Rules Governing Lobbyists and their interactions with the Senate and members of the Senate during the Eighty-third General Assembly.

SSB 1018 **Ethics**

Relating to the Senate Code of Ethics governing the conduct of members of the Senate in relation to their senatorial duties during the Eighty-third General Assembly.

SSB 1019 **Commerce**

Requiring health care benefit coverage for certain prosthetic devices and providing an applicability date.

SSB 1020 **Commerce**

Relating to indemnity provisions in construction contracts.

SSB 1021 **Commerce**

Relating to the consumer credit code by increasing dollar amount limitations for transactions governed by the consumer credit code and providing for periodic adjustment of those amounts pursuant to changes in the consumer price index, and establishing an exemption from the definition of a consumer loan for specified debts secured by real property.

SSB 1022 **Commerce**

Specifying a duty of agency applicable to licensed mortgage brokers and making penalties applicable.