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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY
SEVENTY-FOURTH SESSION DAY

Senate Chamber
Des Moines, Iowa, Wednesday, May 19, 2021

The Senate met in regular session at 9:09 a.m., President Chapman presiding.

Prayer was offered by the Honorable Adrian Dickey, member of the Senate from Jefferson County, Packwood, Iowa.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ava Jane Moorlach.

The Journal of Tuesday, May 18, 2021, was approved.

HOUSE MESSAGE RECEIVED

The following message was received from the Chief Clerk of the House:

MR. PRESIDENT: I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House has on May 18, 2021, **concurred** in the Senate amendment **and passed** the following bill in which the concurrence of the House was asked:

House File 868, a bill for an act relating to the funding of, the operation of, and appropriation of moneys to the college student aid commission, the department for the blind, the department of education, and the state board of regents, providing for properly related matters, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

The Senate stood at ease at 9:15 a.m. until the fall of the gavel for the purpose of party caucuses.

The Senate resumed session at 10:23 a.m., President Chapman presiding.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence was granted as follows:

Senator Williams, until he arrives, on request of Senator Sinclair.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS (Appropriations Calendar)

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [Senate File 614](#) and [House File 857](#).

[Senate File 614](#)

On motion of Senator Kraayenbrink, [Senate File 614](#), a bill for an act appropriating federal moneys made available from federal block grants and other nonstate sources, allocating portions of federal block grants, and providing procedures if federal moneys or federal block grants are more or less than anticipated, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Kraayenbrink offered amendment [S-3226](#), filed by him on May 18, 2021, to page 20 of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-3226](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Kraayenbrink asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 895](#) be **substituted** for [Senate File 614](#).

[House File 895](#)

On motion of Senator Kraayenbrink, [House File 895](#), a bill for an act appropriating federal moneys made available from federal block grants and other nonstate sources, allocating portions of federal block grants, and providing procedures if federal moneys or federal block grants are more or less than anticipated, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Bolkcom offered amendment [S-3239](#), filed by him on May 18, 2021, to page 23 of the bill.

Senator Kraayenbrink raised the point of order that amendment [S-3239](#) was not germane to the bill.

The Chair ruled the point not well-taken and amendment [S-3239](#) in order.

Senator Bolkcom moved the adoption of amendment [S-3239](#).

A record roll call was requested.

On the question “Shall amendment [S-3239](#) be adopted?” ([H.F. 895](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 18:

Bisignano	Bolkcom	Boulton	Celsi
Dotzler	Giddens	Hogg	Jochum
Kinney	Lykam	Mathis	Petersen
Quirnbach	Ragan	Smith, J.	Taylor, T.
Trone Garriott	Wahls		

Nays, 30:

Brown	Carlin	Chapman	Costello
Cournoyer	Dawson	Dickey	Driscoll
Edler	Garrett	Goodwin	Green
Guth	Johnson	Klimesh	Koelker
Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	Reichman	Rozenboom
Schultz	Shiple	Sinclair	Smith, R.
Sweeney	Taylor, J.	Whiting	Whitver
Zaun	Zumbach		

Absent, 2:

Nunn	Williams
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Amendment [S-3239](#) lost.

Senator Kraayenbrink moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question “Shall the bill pass?” ([H.F. 895](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 48:

Bisignano	Bolkcom	Boulton	Brown
Carlin	Celsi	Chapman	Costello
Cournoyer	Dawson	Dickey	Dotzler
Driscoll	Edler	Garrett	Giddens
Goodwin	Green	Guth	Hogg
Jochum	Johnson	Kinney	Klimesh
Koelker	Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	Lykam
Mathis	Petersen	Quirnbach	Ragan
Reichman	Rozenboom	Schultz	Shiple
Sinclair	Smith, J.	Smith, R.	Sweeney
Taylor, J.	Taylor, T.	Trone Garriott	Wahls
Whiting	Whitver	Zaun	Zumbach

Nays, none.

Absent, 2:

Nunn Williams

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

WITHDRAWN

Senator Kraayenbrink asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 614](#) be **withdrawn** from further consideration of the Senate.

[House File 857](#)

On motion of Senator Reichman, [House File 857](#), a bill for an act establishing a butchery innovation and revitalization fund and program to be administered by the economic development authority, in consultation with the department of agriculture and land stewardship, and creating a task force to explore the feasibility of establishing an artisanal butchery program at a community college or at an institution governed by the state board of regents, with report of committee recommending passage, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Reichman offered amendment [S-3229](#), filed by him on May 18, 2021, to page 1 of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-3229](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Reichman moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question “Shall the bill pass?” ([H.F. 857](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 48:

Bisignano	Bolkcom	Boulton	Brown
Carlin	Celsi	Chapman	Costello
Cournoyer	Dawson	Dickey	Dotzler
Driscoll	Edler	Garrett	Giddens
Goodwin	Green	Guth	Hogg
Jochum	Johnson	Kinney	Klimesh
Koelker	Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	Lykam
Mathis	Petersen	Quirnbach	Ragan
Reichman	Rozenboom	Schultz	Shiple
Sinclair	Smith, J.	Smith, R.	Sweeney
Taylor, J.	Taylor, T.	Trone Garriott	Wahls
Whiting	Whitver	Zaun	Zumbach

Nays, none.

Absent, 2:

Nunn Williams

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

President Pro Tempore Zaun took the chair at 11:05 a.m.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence was granted as follows:

Senator T. Taylor, until he returns, on request of Senator Wahls.

CONSIDERATION OF BILL
(Ways and Means Calendar)

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [House File 837](#).

[House File 837](#)

On motion of Senator Whiting, [House File 837](#), a bill for an act relating to the use of fees collected by a county recorder or governing board of the county land record information system for processing and recording instruments, with report of committee recommending amendment and passage, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Whiting offered amendment [S-3201](#), filed by the committee on Ways and Means on May 13, 2021, to pages 2 and 3 of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-3201](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Whiting moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question "Shall the bill pass?" ([H.F. 837](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 47:

Bisignano	Bolkcom	Boulton	Brown
Carlin	Celsi	Chapman	Costello
Cournoyer	Dawson	Dickey	Dotzler
Driscoll	Edler	Garrett	Giddens
Goodwin	Green	Guth	Hogg
Jochum	Johnson	Kinney	Klimesh
Koelker	Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	Lykam
Mathis	Petersen	Quirnbach	Ragan
Reichman	Rozenboom	Schultz	Shipley
Sinclair	Smith, J.	Smith, R.	Sweeney
Taylor, J.	Trone Garriott	Wahls	Whiting
Whitver	Zaun	Zumbach	

Nays, none.

Absent, 3:

Nunn	Taylor, T.	Williams
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The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent that **House Files 837, 857, and 895** be **immediately messaged** to the House.

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO
SENATE AMENDMENT CONSIDERED[House Joint Resolution 5](#)

Senator Whitver called up for consideration, [House Joint Resolution 5](#), a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa that the Constitution of the State of Iowa does not recognize, grant, or secure a right to abortion or require the public funding of abortion. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA: Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is proposed: Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended by adding the following new section: Sec. 26. **Life.** To defend the dignity of all human life and protect unborn children from efforts to expand abortion even to the point of birth, we the people of the State of Iowa declare that this Constitution does not recognize, grant, or secure a right to abortion or require the public funding of abortion. Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general election for members of the general assembly, and shall be published as provided by law for three consecutive months previous to the date of that election, amended by the Senate and further amended by the House in House amendment [S-3238](#) to Senate amendment [H-1357](#), filed May 18, 2021.

Senator Chapman moved that the Senate concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment.

A record roll call was requested.

On the question "Shall the motion to concur be adopted?" ([H.J.R. 5](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 30:

Brown	Carlin	Chapman	Costello
Cournoyer	Dawson	Dickey	Driscoll
Edler	Garrett	Goodwin	Green
Guth	Johnson	Klimesh	Koelker
Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	Reichman	Rozenboom

Schultz	Shiple	Sinclair	Smith, R.
Sweeney	Taylor, J.	Whiting	Whitver
Zaun	Zumbach		

Nays, 18:

Bisignano	Bolkcom	Boulton	Celsi
Dotzler	Giddens	Hogg	Jochum
Kinney	Lykam	Mathis	Petersen
Quirnbach	Ragan	Smith, J.	Taylor, T.
Trone Garriott	Wahls		

Absent, 2:

Nunn	Williams
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The motion prevailed and the Senate **concurred** in the House amendment to the Senate amendment.

Senator Chapman moved that the resolution, as amended by the Senate, further amended by the House and concurred in by the Senate, be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by voice vote and the resolution was read the last time.

Senator Chapman moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question "Shall the resolution be adopted?" ([H.J.R. 5](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 30:

Brown	Carlin	Chapman	Costello
Cournoyer	Dawson	Dickey	Driscoll
Edler	Garrett	Goodwin	Green
Guth	Johnson	Klimesh	Koelker
Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	Reichman	Rozenboom
Schultz	Shiple	Sinclair	Smith, R.
Sweeney	Taylor, J.	Whiting	Whitver
Zaun	Zumbach		

Nays, 18:

Bisignano	Bolkcom	Boulton	Celsi
Dotzler	Giddens	Hogg	Jochum
Kinney	Lykam	Mathis	Petersen
Quirnbach	Ragan	Smith, J.	Taylor, T.
Trone Garriott	Wahls		

Absent, 2:

Nunn Williams

The resolution, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent that [House Joint Resolution 5](#) be **immediately messaged** to the House.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS (Ways and Means Calendar)

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration House Files 367 and 865.

[House File 367](#)

On motion of Senator Sinclair, [House File 367](#), a bill for an act exempting from the state individual income tax the earnings from a burial trust fund, and including retroactive applicability provisions, with report of committee recommending passage, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Sinclair moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question “Shall the bill pass?” ([H.F. 367](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 48:

Bisignano	Bolkcom	Boulton	Brown
Carlin	Celsi	Chapman	Costello
Cournoyer	Dawson	Dickey	Dotzler
Driscoll	Edler	Garrett	Giddens
Goodwin	Green	Guth	Hogg
Jochum	Johnson	Kinney	Klimesh
Koelker	Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	Lykam
Mathis	Petersen	Quirnbach	Ragan
Reichman	Rozenboom	Schultz	Shiple
Sinclair	Smith, J.	Smith, R.	Sweeney
Taylor, J.	Taylor, T.	Trone Garriott	Wahls
Whiting	Whitver	Zaun	Zumbach

Nays, none.

Absent, 2:

Nunn Williams

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

President Chapman took the chair at 12:36 p.m.

[House File 865](#)

On motion of Senator R. Smith, [House File 865](#), a bill for an act relating to the filing requirements for the business property tax credit and including effective date provisions, with report of committee recommending passage, was taken up for consideration.

Senator R. Smith moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question “Shall the bill pass?” ([H.F. 865](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 48:

Bisignano	Bolkcom	Boulton	Brown
Carlin	Celsi	Chapman	Costello
Cournoyer	Dawson	Dickey	Dotzler
Driscoll	Edler	Garrett	Giddens

Goodwin	Green	Guth	Hogg
Jochum	Johnson	Kinney	Klimesh
Koelker	Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	Lykam
Mathis	Petersen	Quirnbach	Ragan
Reichman	Rozenboom	Schultz	Shiple
Sinclair	Smith, J.	Smith, R.	Sweeney
Taylor, J.	Taylor, T.	Trone Garriott	Wahls
Whiting	Whitver	Zaun	Zumbach

Nays, none.

Absent, 2:

Nunn Williams

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

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent that **House Files 367** and **865** be **immediately messaged** to the House.

RECESS

On motion of Senator Whitver, the Senate recessed at 12:40 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

RECONVENED

The Senate reconvened at 3:13 p.m., President Chapman presiding.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Leaves of absence were granted as follows:

Senators Johnson and Sinclair, until they return, on request of Senator Whitver.

CONSIDERATION OF BILL
(Ways and Means Calendar)

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [House File 838](#).

[House File 838](#)

On motion of Senator Goodwin, [House File 838](#), a bill for an act relating to various matters under the purview of the insurance division of the department of commerce, providing fees, making an appropriation, and resolving inconsistencies, with report of committee recommending amendment and passage, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Goodwin asked and received unanimous consent to withdraw amendment [S-3166](#), filed by the committee on Ways and Means on April 22, 2021, to pages 1–4, 8–12, 22, 24, 29–37, and 39 of the bill.

Senator Goodwin offered amendment [S-3240](#), filed by him from the floor to pages 1–4, 8–12, 21–22, 24, and 29–36 of the bill.

Senator Petersen offered amendment [S-3242](#), filed by her from the floor to page 2 of amendment [S-3240](#), and moved its adoption.

A record roll call was requested.

On the question “Shall amendment [S-3242](#) to amendment [S-3240](#) be adopted?” ([H.F. 838](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 17:

Bisignano	Bolkcom	Boulton	Celsi
Dotzler	Giddens	Hogg	Jochum
Kinney	Lykam	Mathis	Petersen
Quirnbach	Smith, J.	Taylor, T.	Trone Garriott
Wahls			

Nays, 29:

Brown	Carlin	Chapman	Costello
Cournoyer	Dawson	Dickey	Driscoll
Edler	Garrett	Goodwin	Green

Guth	Klimesh	Koelker	Kraayenbrink
Lofgren	Ragan	Reichman	Rozenboom
Schultz	Shiple	Smith, R.	Sweeney
Taylor, J.	Whiting	Whitver	Zaun
Zumbach			

Absent, 4:

Johnson	Nunn	Sinclair	Williams
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Amendment [S-3242](#) to amendment [S-3240](#) lost.

Senator Petersen offered amendment [S-3241](#), filed by her from the floor to page 2 of amendment [S-3240](#), and moved its adoption.

A record roll call was requested.

On the question “Shall amendment [S-3241](#) to amendment [S-3240](#) be adopted?” ([H.F. 838](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 18:

Bisignano	Bolkcom	Boulton	Celsi
Dotzler	Giddens	Hogg	Jochum
Kinney	Lykam	Mathis	Petersen
Quirnbach	Ragan	Smith, J.	Taylor, T.
Trone Garriott	Wahls		

Nays, 28:

Brown	Carlin	Chapman	Costello
Cournoyer	Dawson	Dickey	Driscoll
Edler	Garrett	Goodwin	Green
Guth	Klimesh	Koelker	Kraayenbrink
Lofgren	Reichman	Rozenboom	Schultz
Shiple	Smith, R.	Sweeney	Taylor, J.
Whiting	Whitver	Zaun	Zumbach

Absent, 4:

Johnson	Nunn	Sinclair	Williams
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Amendment [S-3241](#) to amendment [S-3240](#) lost.

Senator Goodwin moved the adoption of amendment [S-3240](#).

Amendment [S-3240](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Goodwin moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question "Shall the bill pass?" ([H.F. 838](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 35:

Bisignano	Brown	Carlin	Chapman
Costello	Cournoyer	Dawson	Dickey
Driscoll	Edler	Garrett	Goodwin
Green	Guth	Kinney	Klimesh
Koelker	Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	Lykam
Mathis	Ragan	Reichman	Rozenboom
Schultz	Shiple	Smith, R.	Sweeney
Taylor, J.	Taylor, T.	Wahls	Whiting
Whitver	Zaun	Zumbach	

Nays, 11:

Bolkcom	Boulton	Celsi	Dotzler
Giddens	Hogg	Jochum	Petersen
Quirnbach	Smith, J.	Trone Garriott	

Absent, 4:

Johnson	Nunn	Sinclair	Williams
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The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 838](#) be **immediately messaged** to the House.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (Regular Calendar)

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [Senate Resolution 7](#).

[Senate Resolution 7](#)

On motion of Senator Whitver, [Senate Resolution 7](#), a resolution deferring action on the confirmation of certain appointments submitted by the Governor, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Whitver moved the adoption of [Senate Resolution 7](#), which motion prevailed by a voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF BILL (Unfinished Business Calendar)

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [Senate File 415](#).

[Senate File 415](#)

On motion of Senator R. Smith, [Senate File 415](#), a bill for an act relating to pari-mutuel wagering on horse or dog races licensed in a foreign jurisdiction, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on April 1, 2021, was taken up for consideration.

Senator R. Smith asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 513](#) be **substituted** for [Senate File 415](#).

[House File 513](#)

On motion of Senator R. Smith, [House File 513](#), a bill for an act relating to pari-mutuel wagering on horse or dog races licensed in a foreign jurisdiction, placed on the Unfinished Business Calendar on April 1, 2021, was taken up for consideration.

Senator R. Smith moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question "Shall the bill pass?" ([H.F. 513](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 34:

Bisignano	Boulton	Brown	Carlin
Chapman	Cournoyer	Dickey	Dotzler
Driscoll	Edler	Garrett	Goodwin
Green	Jochum	Kinney	Klimesh
Koelker	Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	Lykam
Mathis	Ragan	Reichman	Rozenboom
Schultz	Shipley	Smith, R.	Sweeney
Taylor, T.	Wahls	Whiting	Whitver
Zaun	Zumbach		

Nays, 12:

Bolkcom	Celsi	Costello	Dawson
Giddens	Guth	Hogg	Petersen
Quirnbach	Smith, J.	Taylor, J.	Trone Garriott

Absent, 4:

Johnson	Nunn	Sinclair	Williams
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The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

WITHDRAWN

Senator R. Smith asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 415](#) be **withdrawn** from further consideration of the Senate.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 513](#) be **immediately messaged** to the House.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (Regular Calendar)

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [Senate Resolution 8](#).

Senate Resolution 8

On motion of Senator Zaun, [Senate Resolution 8](#), a resolution honoring and congratulating Lois Brownell for her dedicated service to the State of Iowa, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Zaun moved the adoption of [Senate Resolution 8](#), which motion prevailed by a voice vote.

RECESS

On motion of Senator Whitver, the Senate recessed at 4:57 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

RECONVENED

The Senate reconvened at 7:02 p.m., President Chapman presiding.

The Senate stood at ease at 7:02 pm. until the fall of the gavel for the purpose of a Democratic party caucus.

The Senate resumed session at 8:45 p.m., President Chapman presiding.

HOUSE MESSAGES RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED

The following messages were received from the Chief Clerk of the House:

MR. PRESIDENT: I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House has on May 19, 2021, **concurred** in the Senate amendment **and passed** the following bills in which the concurrence of the House was asked:

[House File 837](#), a bill for an act relating to the use of fees collected by a county recorder or governing board of the county land record information system for processing and recording instruments.

[House File 838](#), a bill for an act relating to various matters under the purview of the insurance division of the department of commerce, providing fees, making an appropriation, and resolving inconsistencies.

[House File 857](#), a bill for an act establishing a butchery innovation and revitalization fund and program to be administered by the economic development authority, in consultation with the department of agriculture and land stewardship, and creating a task force to explore the feasibility of establishing an artisanal butchery program at a community college or at an institution governed by the state board of regents.

ALSO: That the House has on May 19, 2021, **amended and passed** the following bill in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

[Senate File 568](#), a bill for an act relating to the conduct of elections, including nominations and procedures for proposed amendments to the Iowa Constitution, and including effective date provisions. ([S-3243](#))

ALSO: That the House has on May 19, 2021, **amended** the Senate amendment, **concurred** in the Senate amendment **as amended, and passed** the following bill in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

[House File 847](#), a bill for an act relating to educational programs, funding, tax credits and deductions, open enrollment, supplementary weighting, and including effective date, applicability, and retroactive applicability provisions. ([S-3244](#))

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO
SENATE AMENDMENT CONSIDERED

[House File 847](#)

Senator Whitver called up for consideration [House File 847](#), a bill for an act relating to educational programs, funding, tax credits and deductions, open enrollment, supplementary weighting, and including effective date, applicability, and retroactive applicability provisions, amended by the Senate and further amended by the House in House amendment [S-3244](#) to Senate amendment [H-1425](#), filed May 19, 2021.

Senator Sinclair moved that the Senate concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment.

A record roll call was requested.

On the question “Shall the motion to concur be adopted?” ([H.F. 847](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 29:

Brown	Carlin	Chapman	Costello
Cournoyer	Dawson	Dickey	Driscoll
Edler	Garrett	Goodwin	Green
Guth	Klimesh	Koelker	Kraayenbrink
Lofgren	Reichman	Rozenboom	Schultz
Shipley	Sinclair	Smith, R.	Sweeney
Taylor, J.	Whiting	Whitver	Zaun
Zumbach			

Nays, 17:

Bisignano	Bolkcom	Boulton	Celsi
Dotzler	Giddens	Jochum	Kinney
Lykam	Mathis	Petersen	Quirnbach
Ragan	Smith, J.	Taylor, T.	Trone Garriott
Wahls			

Absent, 4:

Hogg	Johnson	Nunn	Williams
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The motion prevailed and the Senate **concurred** in the House amendment to the Senate amendment.

Senator Sinclair moved that the bill, as amended by the Senate, further amended by the House and concurred in by the Senate, be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by voice vote and the bill was read the last time.

On the question “Shall the bill pass?” ([H.F. 847](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 29:

Brown	Carlin	Chapman	Costello
Cournoyer	Dawson	Dickey	Driscoll
Edler	Garrett	Goodwin	Green
Guth	Klimesh	Koelker	Kraayenbrink
Lofgren	Reichman	Rozenboom	Schultz
Shipley	Sinclair	Smith, R.	Sweeney
Taylor, J.	Whiting	Whitver	Zaun
Zumbach			

Nays, 17:

Bisignano	Bolkcom	Boulton	Celsi
Dotzler	Giddens	Jochum	Kinney
Lykam	Mathis	Petersen	Quirmbach
Ragan	Smith, J.	Taylor, T.	Trone Garriott
Wahls			

Absent, 4:

Hogg	Johnson	Nunn	Williams
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The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title, as amended, was agreed to.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent that [House File 847](#) be **immediately messaged** to the House.

The Senate stood at ease at 9:01 p.m. until the fall of the gavel.

The Senate resumed session at 10:00 p.m., President Chapman presiding.

CONSIDERATION OF BILL (Appropriations Calendar)

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [Senate File 615](#).

[Senate File 615](#)

On motion of Senator Kraayenbrink, [Senate File 615](#), a bill for an act relating to state and local finances by making appropriations, providing for legal and regulatory responsibilities, providing for other properly related matters, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Kraayenbrink offered amendment [S-3245](#), filed by him from the floor, striking and replacing everything after the enacting clause of the bill, and moved its adoption.

Amendment [S-3245](#) was adopted by a voice vote.

Senator Kraayenbrink moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question “Shall the bill pass?” ([S.F. 615](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 46:

Bisignano	Bolkcom	Boulton	Brown
Carlin	Celsi	Chapman	Costello
Cournoyer	Dawson	Dickey	Dotzler
Driscoll	Edler	Garrett	Giddens
Goodwin	Green	Guth	Jochum
Kinney	Klimesh	Koelker	Kraayenbrink
Lofgren	Lykam	Mathis	Petersen
Quirnbach	Ragan	Reichman	Rozenboom
Schultz	Shiple	Sinclair	Smith, J.
Smith, R.	Sweeney	Taylor, J.	Taylor, T.
Trone Garriott	Wahls	Whiting	Whitver
Zaun	Zumbach		

Nays, none.

Absent, 4:

Hogg	Johnson	Nunn	Williams
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The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 615](#) be **immediately messaged** to the House.

HOUSE AMENDMENT CONSIDERED

[Senate File 568](#)

Senator Whitver called up for consideration [Senate File 568](#), a bill for an act relating to the conduct of elections, including nominations and procedures for proposed amendments to the Iowa Constitution, and including effective date provisions, amended by the House in House amendment [S-3243](#), filed May 19, 2021.

Senator R. Smith moved that the Senate concur in the House amendment.

A record roll call was requested.

On the question “Shall the motion to concur be adopted?” ([S.F. 568](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 29:

Brown	Carlin	Chapman	Costello
Cournoyer	Dawson	Dickey	Driscoll
Edler	Garrett	Goodwin	Green
Guth	Klimesh	Koelker	Kraayenbrink
Lofgren	Reichman	Rozenboom	Schultz
ShIPLEY	Sinclair	Smith, R.	Sweeney
Taylor, J.	Whiting	Whitver	Zaun
Zumbach			

Nays, 17:

Bisignano	Bolkcom	Boulton	Celsi
Dotzler	Giddens	Jochum	Kinney
Lykam	Mathis	Petersen	Quirnbach
Ragan	Smith, J.	Taylor, T.	Trone Garriott
Wahls			

Absent, 4:

Hogg	Johnson	Nunn	Williams
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The motion prevailed and the Senate **concurred** in the House amendment.

Senator R. Smith moved that the bill, as amended by the House and concurred in by the Senate, be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question “Shall the bill pass?” ([S.F. 568](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 29:

Brown	Carlin	Chapman	Costello
Cournoyer	Dawson	Dickey	Driscoll
Edler	Garrett	Goodwin	Green
Guth	Klimesh	Koelker	Kraayenbrink
Lofgren	Reichman	Rozenboom	Schultz

Shiple Taylor, J. Zumbach	Sinclair Whiting	Smith, R. Whitver	Sweeney Zaun
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Nays, 17:

Bisignano Dotzler Lykam Ragan Wahls	Bolkcom Giddens Mathis Smith, J.	Boulton Jochum Petersen Taylor, T.	Celsi Kinney Quirmbach Trone Garriott
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Absent, 4:

Hogg	Johnson	Nunn	Williams
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The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title, as amended, was agreed to.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate File 568](#) be **immediately messaged** to the House.

CONFIRMATION OF GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS (Individual Confirmation Calendar)

Senator Whitver called up the appointment of Derek Muller as a member of the State Judicial Nominating Commission, placed on the Individual Confirmation Calendar on April 21, 2021, found on page 941 of the Senate Journal.

Senator Zaun moved that the foregoing appointment be confirmed by the Senate.

On the question "Shall the appointee be confirmed?" the vote was:

Yeas, 29:

Brown	Carlin	Chapman	Costello
Cournoyer	Dawson	Dickey	Driscoll
Edler	Garrett	Goodwin	Green
Guth	Klimesh	Koelker	Kraayenbrink
Lofgren	Reichman	Rozenboom	Schultz

Shipleigh Taylor, J. Zumbach	Sinclair Whiting	Smith, R. Whitver	Sweeney Zaun
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Nays, 17:

Bisignano Dotzler Lykam Ragan Wahls	Bolkcom Giddens Mathis Smith, J.	Boulton Jochum Petersen Taylor, T.	Celsi Kinney Quirnbach Trone Garriott
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Absent, 4:

Hogg	Johnson	Nunn	Williams
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The appointee, having not received a two-thirds vote, was declared to have not been confirmed by the Senate.

Senator Whiting took the chair at 11:27 p.m.

Senator Whitver called up the appointment of Mallory Hanson as a member of the Natural Resource Commission, placed on the Individual Confirmation Calendar on April 21, 2021, found on page 941 of the Senate Journal.

Senator Rozenboom moved that the foregoing appointment be confirmed by the Senate.

On the question "Shall the appointee be confirmed?" the vote was:

Yeas, 29:

Bisignano Celsi Edler Kinney Mathis Rozenboom Trone Garriott Zumbach	Bolkcom Costello Garrett Klimesh Petersen Sinclair Wahls	Boulton Cournoyer Giddens Koelker Quirnbach Smith, J. Whitver	Brown Dotzler Jochum Lykam Ragan Taylor, T. Zaun
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Nays, 17:

Carlin	Chapman	Dawson	Dickey
Driscoll	Goodwin	Green	Guth
Kraayenbrink	Lofgren	Reichman	Schultz
Shiple	Smith, R.	Sweeney	Taylor, J.
Whiting			

Absent, 4:

Hogg	Johnson	Nunn	Williams
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The appointee, having not received a two-thirds vote, was declared to have not been confirmed by the Senate.

President Chapman took the chair at 11:31 p.m.

Senator Whitver called up the appointment of Tom Rielly as a member of the State Transportation Commission, placed on the Individual Confirmation Calendar on April 21, 2021, found on page 941 of the Senate Journal.

Senator Rozenboom moved that the foregoing appointment be confirmed by the Senate.

On the question "Shall the appointee be confirmed?" the vote was:

Yeas, 40:

Bisignano	Bolkcom	Boulton	Brown
Carlin	Celsi	Chapman	Costello
Cournoyer	Dickey	Dotzler	Driscoll
Garrett	Giddens	Guth	Jochum
Kinney	Klimesh	Koelker	Kraayenbrink
Lofgren	Lykam	Mathis	Petersen
Quirnbach	Ragan	Reichman	Rozenboom
Shiple	Sinclair	Smith, J.	Smith, R.
Sweeney	Taylor, J.	Taylor, T.	Trone Garriott
Wahls	Whitver	Zaun	Zumbach

Nays, 6:

Dawson	Edler	Goodwin	Green
Schultz	Whiting		

Absent, 4:

Hogg	Johnson	Nunn	Williams
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The appointee, having received a two-thirds vote, was declared to have been confirmed by the Senate.

HOUSE MESSAGES RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED

The following messages were received from the Chief Clerk of the House:

MR. PRESIDENT: I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House has on May 19, 2021, **passed** the following bill in which the concurrence of the House was asked:

[Senate File 615](#), a bill for an act relating to state and local finances by making appropriations, providing for legal and regulatory responsibilities, providing for other properly related matters, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

ALSO: That the House has on May 19, 2021, **adopted** the following resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

[House Concurrent Resolution 12](#), a concurrent resolution to provide for adjournment sine die.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (Regular Calendar)

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [House Concurrent Resolution 12](#).

[House Concurrent Resolution 12](#)

On motion of Senator Whitver, [House Concurrent Resolution 12](#), a concurrent resolution to provide for adjournment sine die, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Whitver moved the adoption of [House Concurrent Resolution 12](#), which motion prevailed by a voice vote.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Whitver asked and received unanimous consent that [House Concurrent Resolution 12](#) be **immediately messaged** to the House.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT

By virtue of [House Concurrent Resolution 12](#), duly adopted, the day of May 19, 2021, having arrived, President Chapman declared the 2021 Regular Session of the Eighty-ninth General Assembly adjourned sine die.

APPENDIX

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

The following communications were received in the office of the Secretary of the Senate and placed on file in the Legislative Services Agency:

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Groundwater Protection Report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 455B.263. Report received on May 19, 2021.

Judicial Review Report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 625.29. Report received on May 19, 2021.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

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

Nikole Hannah-Jones—For her investigative reporting on race in the United States and “The 1619 Project”. Senator Trone Garriott.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

[Senate Resolution 8](#), by Whitver, Wahls, Bisignano, Bolkcom, Boulton, Brown, Carlin, Celsi, Chapman, Costello, Cournoyer, Dawson, Dickey, Dotzler, Driscoll, Edler, Garrett, Giddens, Goodwin, Green, Guth, Hogg, Jochum, Johnson, Kinney, Klimesh, Koelker, Kraayenbrink, Lofgren, Lykam, Mathis, Nunn, Petersen, Quirnbach, Ragan, Reichman, Rozenboom, Schultz, Shipley, Sinclair, J. Smith, R. Smith, Sweeney, J. Taylor, T. Taylor, Trone Garriott, Whiting, Williams, Zaun, and Zumbach, a resolution honoring and congratulating Lois Brownell for her dedicated service to the State of Iowa.

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

BILLS ENROLLED, SIGNED, AND SENT TO GOVERNOR

The Secretary of the Senate submitted the following report:

MR. PRESIDENT: The Secretary of the Senate respectfully reports that the following bills have been enrolled, signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, and presented to the Governor for her approval on this 19th day of May, 2021.

Senate Files 296, 356, and 517.

W. CHARLES SMITHSON
Secretary of the Senate

BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

A communication was received announcing that on May 19, 2021, the Governor approved and transmitted to the Secretary of State the following bills:

[Senate File 296](#) – Relating to the practice of pharmacy, including the prescription and administration of vaccines and collaborative pharmacy practice.

[Senate File 356](#) – Limiting civil liability for persons involved in agricultural tourism.

[Senate File 517](#) – Relating to the provision of academic credit, including social studies coursework, and exemptions for physical education and activity requirements for students who participate in the legislative page program at the state capitol.

WITHDRAWAL OF GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEES

The following letters from the Governor were received in the office of the Secretary of the Senate on May 19, 2021:

I am withdrawing the name of Adam Steen for confirmation as the director of the Department of Administrative Services from further consideration by the Senate.

I am withdrawing the name of Michael Boussetot for confirmation as the director of the Department of Management from further consideration by the Senate.

I am withdrawing the name of Erik Helland for confirmation as a member of the Public Employment Relations Board from further consideration by the Senate.

Sincerely,
KIM REYNOLDS
Governor

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

President Chapman provided the following remarks:

Mr. Majority Leader, Colleagues, and Fellow Iowans:

Let me begin by congratulating all of you on an incredible legislative session. It is a privilege and an honor to preside over the Senate. I have had the unique opportunity to observe all of you as we debate, discuss, and vote on legislation. In your eyes and facial expressions, I have seen joy, excitement, sorrow, disappointment, and perhaps even anger at times. These emotions are real, and are an outward expression of the love all of you have for our great state and her people.

In my opening day remarks I highlighted - that like the rest of America, Iowa has faced unprecedented times with a global pandemic. "Back to normal" has been the battle cry for many Iowans who want nothing more than to have their rights and liberties restored. I believed then, just as I believe now, that we have and will continue to strive for something much greater than returning to the days of the past. Iowa will have a better tomorrow because of the legislation enacted by this General Assembly.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight just a few of these accomplishments. Iowans can have confidence that with the passage of our election integrity legislation, our elections are safe and secure. We passed legislation that will allow law abiding citizens to exercise their 2nd amendment rights without asking the government for a permission slip. Districts, including Des Moines Public Schools, will no longer have the ability to force students to stay in their failing education system, and with the elimination of these diversity plans, will allow students to pursue a better education elsewhere. Legislation was passed to protect and defend our brave men and women who selflessly serve our communities as law enforcement officers; we are indeed grateful for their sacrifices. We preserved Iowans' freedom and ensured they would not be forced to show a covid-19 vaccine card to live out their lives.

Colleagues, we are also leaving this legislative session with a sound fiscal budget. We have learned from years past that overspending does not lead to prosperity but rather enslaves us by chains of indebtedness. Not only did we maintain a fiscally conservative budget, we passed a tax reduction bill of which we should all be proud. This legislation will provide over \$1 billion dollars of tax relief over the next eight years. This legislation will provide property tax relief while also ensuring our highest income tax bracket is reduced to 6.5%. Lastly, Iowans will no longer be subjected to the horrible and irresponsible plunder tax known as the inheritance tax.

I recently read a quote by Solon found near the stairwell on the 2nd floor of this beautiful capitol. The quote reads as follows, "The ideal state - that in which an injury done to the least of its citizens is an injury done to all." Perhaps the greatest accomplishments are when we are able to protect those who are particularly vulnerable and who have been victimized by others. I was honored to run the legislation to lift the statutes of limitation for criminal prosecution for those who violate children. This law lifted the arbitrary deadline for victims to come forward in telling their story and seeking justice. One brave individual, Kimberly Gleason, courageously spent day after day sharing her story, educating, and advocating for this legislation. "Kimberly's Law" will undoubtedly help countless individuals into the future and is a great example that the power of one is limitless. Colleagues, more can and will need to be done to protect our children!

It was also necessary for this body to correct a feckless and negligent judicial decision that aimed to re-write our constitution. When our courts usurp "the people" by using the power of the gavel to rewrite our constitution, this legislature will take action. The Senate and House came together to propose a constitutional amendment that will reassert that it is "the people" of Iowa, not unelected judges who will ultimately decide what changes our constitution will undergo.

Colleagues, we leave this legislative session with much optimism, optimism that we made a difference and optimism for a promising future. Though more work is needed, we can be assured that Iowans will wake to a much brighter tomorrow because of the work and sacrifice of this general assembly. May God continue to richly bless our great state and her people.

REMARKS BY THE MINORITY LEADER

Senator Wahls provided the following remarks:

As we wrap up the 2021 Legislative session, I want to thank my Democratic colleagues for the honor of leading our team.

I want to take a moment to ask the chamber to join me in showing our appreciation to our smart, talented, caring and hard-working caucus staff.

And a big "thank you" to the Secretary of the Senate and his staff, the Senate pages, all the hardworking staff at the Legislative Services Agencies, and the news media that cover us every day on behalf of our constituents.

I want to congratulate Lois Brownell with the Secretary of the Senate's office on her many years of dedicated service to the Iowa Senate. She will be missed by everyone in the Senate. Enjoy your retirement, Lois!

Let's give Lois and all the staff a big round of applause.

Mr. President, this session was a missed opportunity. COVID-19 turned our world upside down and gave us all a new perspective. With this new perspective, we could have reimagined our social contract and responsibilities to each other. We could have boldly addressed all of the challenges Iowa faces, nearly all of which were exacerbated by COVID-19: a workforce shortage, a child care crisis, not enough good paying jobs, crumbling infrastructure, struggling rural hospitals, a lack of high-speed internet, systemic racial inequities, and maternal health challenges faced by Iowa moms and babies.

With our Build Back Better plan, Iowa Democrats introduced more than two dozen bills to help Iowans get back on our feet and return life to normal as quickly and as safely as possible. Our plan would have positioned Iowa for long-term economic growth, provided relief for struggling families, helped small businesses safely reopen, and supported our dedicated, frontline health care workers who got us through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unfortunately, Governor Reynolds and the Republicans chose not to work with us on these proposals. Not a single one of our bills was given a public hearing. Instead, Iowa Republicans drilled holes in a sinking boat, pursuing a divisive, partisan agenda.

Republican inaction on a host of issues will actively hurt working families. Instead of tax relief and relief checks for middle class households – like the ones President Biden and Democrats in Congress provided to the American people – Republicans enacted policies that will raise property taxes and cut social services.

Instead of providing relief to Iowans who lost their jobs due to the pandemic, Governor Reynolds ripped the carpet out from under these workers, cutting off unemployment assistance while they looked for work.

Instead of supporting public education and helping our students return safely to school, Governor Reynolds returned \$95 million of federal funds – our tax dollars – back to Washington D.C. These are funds that should have been used to keep students safe from COVID-19 and improve the quality of public education.

Instead of bringing new workers, businesses, and investment to Iowa, Republicans continue to make our state unwelcoming to others by codifying discrimination, picking on our kids, banning diversity, and protecting online harassment and sedition.

Instead of doing more for families who need affordable child care or helping Iowa moms and babies who are facing maternal health challenges, Iowa Republicans are paving the way to ban abortion, even in cases of rape, incest, or to protect the life of the mother.

And as our country grapples with the insurrection that took place in our nation's capital on January 6, a day that will mar American history books for generations to come, Iowa Republicans passed one of the most severe and punitive voter suppression laws in the United States.

I want to close this session by reminding everyone why we're here, who we're fighting for, and the challenges that we absolutely must address.

Across our state, too many people have lost sight of a better future and can no longer see more opportunity for their children and grandchildren — and that was true before the pandemic hit. Too many Iowans feel disconnected from their local communities, and too many of our local communities are struggling as young Iowans are forced to move from our state due to lack of opportunity.

As I talk with voters across my district and across the state, I see the same thing in big cities and small towns: a growing gap between the haves and the have nots; the powerful and the powerless; the well-connected and the disconnected. We need to remember that politics is about the fact that everyone — Democrat or Republican or Independent — wants their families to be happy, safe, and nearby. That means improving the quality of life in every Iowa community, because Iowa is strong only when our families are strong. Iowa thrives only when our middle class thrives. We are free only when Iowans have both liberty and justice. If you work hard, you should be able to provide for yourself and your family. These are the guiding principles of Iowa Senate Democrats, and I'm proud this caucus fought for those values every single day of this session.

REMARKS BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

Senator Whitver provided the following remarks:

Mr. President,

It is a tradition at the beginning of each legislative session for the Senate Majority Leader to lay out the vision for the upcoming session. In January I talked about the need to give parents an option to send their students to school for in-person learning and for us to continue our focus on creating a tax and regulatory environment to encourage work and investment. Policies designed to make this state a premier location in this country to work and raise a family.

Parents across the state were seeing their children struggle to stay engaged with remote learning. It quickly became apparent the quality of education through a screen just is not the same as education in person. The emails from frustrated parents began to trickle into our email boxes. The trickle became a stream and the stream a river. Parents knew their children needed to have a regular schedule of education and they needed the legislature to help.

The Education Committee quickly developed policy to implement a shared priority with the House of Representatives and the governor to give parents the option to send their children to school full time. Data from Iowa and across the country showed the deterioration of the academic performance of K-12 students. The decline was even worse amongst lower income children. After 9 months or more of intermittent or no in-person schooling, it was time for Iowa students to stop the erosion of their knowledge and skills and begin to recover and advance their education.

Education provides Iowa students the tools they need to compete for the careers of tomorrow in an ever-changing economy. The changes in the economy over the last 15 months highlighted the need for improved broadband service across the state as more and more Iowans worked from home, took classes from home, and even had doctor's appointments from home. Iowa is ranked as one of the bottom states in the country in connectivity and broadband speeds and that problem needed a solution. Leaders of the Commerce Committee addressed the vital need for improved broadband services across the state with strong policy improvements. That policy was followed up by a \$100 million commitment to improve this service.

The \$100 million for broadband was made possible in part because of the tough but necessary choices on the state budget over the last four years. For the first two years in the majority Republicans were forced to implement mid-year budget cuts because spending was too high. After those years, the budget is now on solid footing and can sustain not only a global pandemic, but also can create opportunities to build the broadband infrastructure to further economic development in rural Iowa.

That stable, reliable budget creates opportunities for tax relief and this year the tax relief will be significant. A robust housing market caused property assessments to rise by tens of thousands of dollars in some areas. The Senate responded with a \$100 million property tax cut by eliminating the mental health levy and moving funding to the state budget. Uncertainty around the effective date of a major round of income tax cuts was eliminated. This relief will reduce the top rate in Iowa from an uncompetitive 8.53% to a more competitive 6.5%, along with implementing more simplicity into the tax code. This year's tax cut package totals over \$1 billion over the next 8 years. It also allows bonus depreciation so farmers and small business can continue to invest in their operations and create more opportunities in this state.

Finally, none of these opportunities will become a reality without the protection of the life and property of Iowans. This year the Senate led on implementing a number of protections for the people who keep us safe. Law enforcement will have protections enshrined in Iowa law for faithfully doing their jobs. They will have legal protections from dangerous and violent offenses against them like maliciously shining laser pointers in their eyes.

This session ran a little longer than normal. But as I've said many times, Senate Republicans come to Des Moines to do something, not be someone. We are happy to do the hard work necessary to provide certainty on income tax relief, property tax relief, make sure K-12 students can go to school full time, pass a reliable, sustainable budget, and defend law enforcement.

Iowa is the 2nd fastest state in the country to recover from the pandemic. Iowa has 65,000 job openings and 32,000 people looking for work. Iowa has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country, great schools, a lowering tax burden, and an outstanding quality of life.

Iowa is a great place to live and it's only getting better.

Thank you, Mr. President.

AMENDMENTS FILED

<u>S-3240</u>	<u>H.F. 838</u>	Tim Goodwin
<u>S-3241</u>	<u>H.F. 838</u>	Janet Petersen
<u>S-3242</u>	<u>H.F. 838</u>	Janet Petersen
<u>S-3243</u>	<u>S.F. 568</u>	House
<u>S-3244</u>	<u>H.F. 847</u>	House
<u>S-3245</u>	<u>S.F. 615</u>	Timothy J. Kraayenbrink