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THIRTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY  
TWENTY-THIRD SESSION DAY

Senate Chamber  
Des Moines, Iowa, Wednesday, February 19, 2025

The Senate met in regular session at 9:01 a.m., President Sinclair presiding.

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

The Journal of Tuesday, February 18, 2025, was approved.

## BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

President Sinclair announced that [Senate File 329](#) was referred from the committee on Judiciary to the committee on **Health and Human Services** under Senate Rule 38; [Senate File 307](#) was referred from the Regular Calendar to the committee on **Appropriations** under Senate Rule 38; and [Senate Joint Resolution 4](#) was referred from the Regular Calendar to the committee on **State Government** under Senate Rule 38.

## ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Whitver, the Senate adjourned at 9:16 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 20, 2025.

## 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:

#### LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY

Urban Renewal Report–Tax Increment Financing (TIF), pursuant to Iowa Code section 331.403. Report received on February 14, 2025.

#### DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Employment Security Administration Fund Report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 96.13. Report received on February 18, 2025.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**Convened:** Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 2:35 p.m.

**Members Present:** Klimesh, Chair; Costello, Vice Chair; Trone Garriott, Ranking Member; Alons, Campbell, Celsi, Donahue, Garrett, Lofgren, Petersen, Pike, Rowley, Salmon, Sweeney, Wahls, Warme, and Zimmer.

**Members Absent:** Guth (excused).

**Committee Business:** [SSB 1081](#), [SSB 1082](#) w/amendment, and [SSB 1074](#) w/amendment.

**Adjourned:** 3:00 p.m.

#### STATE GOVERNMENT

**Convened:** Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 1:25 p.m.

**Members Present:** Rozenboom, Chair; Reichman, Vice Chair; Winckler, Ranking Member; Alons, Bisignano, Bousset, Campbell, Celsi, Driscoll, Green, Koelker, Salmon, Schultz, Staed, Townsend, Webster, and Westrich.

**Members Absent:** Blake and Guth (both excused).

**Committee Business:** [SSB 1085](#), [SSB 1086](#), [SSB 1087](#), and [SSB 1089](#).

**Adjourned:** 1:35 p.m.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Convened:** Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 10:25 a.m.

**Members Present:** Zumbach, Chair; Webster, Vice Chair; Townsend, Ranking Member; Celsi, Dickey, Gruenhagen, Klimesh, Koelker, Lofgren, Pike, Rozenboom, Shipley, Warme, Winckler, and Zimmer.

**Members Absent:** Bennett, Blake, and De Witt (all excused).

**Committee Business:** [SF 24](#), [SF 73](#), [SSB 1107](#), and [SSB 1043](#).

**Adjourned:** 10:40 a.m.

**WORKFORCE**

**Convened:** Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 11:55 a.m.

**Members Present:** Dickey, Chair; Schultz, Vice Chair; Donahue, Ranking Member; Alons, Dotzler, Driscoll, Lofgren, McClintock, Pike, Sires, Taylor, Townsend, and Wahls.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Committee Business:** [SSB 1119](#).

**Adjourned:** 12:00 p.m.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

[Senate File 365](#), by Evans, a bill for an act providing for a monument to Martin Treptow on the capitol complex grounds.

Read first time and referred to committee on **State Government**.

[Senate File 366](#), by Evans, a bill for an act requiring school employees to be put on administrative leave in certain specified circumstances.

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

[Senate File 367](#), by Costello, a bill for an act designating kratom as a schedule I controlled substance, and making penalties applicable.

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

[Senate File 368](#), by committee on Education, a bill for an act relating to school personnel training, including by implementing provisions related to emergency care planning, authorizations for assisting, and limitations of liability concerning students with epilepsy or seizure disorder, and requiring the department of education to convene a health care-related training for school personnel work group.

Read first time and placed on the **calendar**.

[Senate File 369](#), by committee on Education, a bill for an act requiring students to pass the United States citizenship and immigration services naturalization civics test as a condition of high school graduation and high school equivalency diplomas.

Read first time and placed on the **calendar**.

[Senate File 370](#), by committee on Education, a bill for an act relating to electronic devices in schools, including student access during instructional hours, school safety plans, and instruction related to the effects of social media in grades six through eight, and including effective date provisions.

Read first time and placed on the **calendar**.

[Senate File 371](#), by Klimesh, a bill for an act concerning county recorder policies and procedures including the imposition of fees and the establishment of funds, and including transition and effective date provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Local Government**.

[Senate File 372](#), by Townsend, Dotzler, Donahue, Trone Garriott, Staed, Petersen, Quirnbach, Weiner, and Wahls, a bill for an act concerning eligibility for unemployment benefits.

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

[Senate File 373](#), by Klimesh, a bill for an act relating to rate-regulated public utilities, including rate proceedings, automatic adjustments, ratemaking principles, and integrated resource plans.

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

[Senate File 374](#), by Dickey, a bill for an act relating to payment of reasonable attorney fees for contempt relative to a dissolution of marriage proceeding.

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

[Senate File 375](#), by Costello, a bill for an act relating to the maximum power output for low-speed electric bicycles and pedestrian conveyances powered by an electric motor.

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

[Senate File 376](#), by Klimesh, a bill for an act relating to the siting and operation of renewable electric power generating facilities.

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

[Senate File 377](#), by committee on Transportation, a bill for an act prohibiting the consideration of the deployment, implementation, or use of a motor carrier safety improvement when determining a person's employment status.

Read first time and placed on the **calendar**.

[Senate File 378](#), by committee on Transportation, a bill for an act relating to the default speed limit for all vehicular traffic, and making penalties applicable.

Read first time and placed on the **calendar**.

[Senate File 379](#), by committee on Workforce, a bill for an act creating a deduction available against the individual income tax for educational expenses at institutions of higher education for career-related programs and apprenticeship programs, and including retroactive applicability provisions.

Read first time and placed on the **calendar**.

[Senate File 380](#), by Donahue, a bill for an act relating to prohibitions on noncompete covenants involving nurses and including applicability provisions.

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

[Senate File 381](#), by Donahue, Townsend, Dotzler, Bennett, Zimmer, Winckler, Weiner, Petersen, Celsi, Trone Garriott, Staed, and Quirnbach, a bill for an act relating to youth employment and providing penalties.

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

[Senate File 382](#), by Donahue, a bill for an act relating to education, including by prohibiting the use of certain mascots to represent schools and institutions of higher education, establishing grant programs to assist schools and institutions of higher education in adopting alternative mascots, modifying provisions related to the Iowa tuition grants program, and making appropriations.

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

[Senate File 383](#), by committee on Health and Human Services, a bill for an act relating to pharmacy benefits managers, pharmacies, and prescription drugs and including applicability provisions.

Read first time and placed on the **calendar**.

## STUDY BILLS RECEIVED

**SSB 1158**      **Agriculture**

Relating to student nutrition, including by modifying the curricula provided to students enrolled in kindergarten through grade twelve to include instruction related to nutrition, modifying provisions related to the agriculture, food, and natural resources component of the career and technical education instruction provided to students enrolled in grades nine through twelve, and modifying provisions related to school meal programs, and including effective date provisions.

**SSB 1159**      **Local Government**

Relating to Iowa's urban renewal law and urban revitalization law, by establishing provisions governing certain property used for gaming, and including effective date and applicability provisions.

**SSB 1160**      **Agriculture**

Providing for programs and regulations related to agriculture, including crop production, animal health, and agricultural processing, providing for powers and duties of the department of agriculture and land stewardship, providing fees, and providing penalties.

**SSB 1161**      **Transportation**

Relating to department of education school bus driver authorization and approved courses of instruction.

**SSB 1162**      **Transportation**

Relating to vehicle registration plates, including registration plate frames and Gadsden flag special registration plates, providing fees, and making appropriations.

**SSB 1163**      **Health and Human Services**

Relating to health care including a funding model for the rural health care system; the elimination of several health care-related award, grant, residency, and fellowship programs; establishment of a health care professional incentive program; Medicaid graduate medical education; the health facilities council; and the Iowa health information network, making appropriations, and including effective date provisions.

**SSB 1164 Education**

Modifying provisions related to the curriculum provided to students enrolled in grades nine through twelve by allowing instruction related to technology, engineering, or manufacturing to meet a portion of the unit requirements related to computer science.

**SSB 1165 Workforce**

Relating to employer recordkeeping and auditing requirements for purposes of unemployment insurance and including applicability provisions.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS****Senate File 260**

WAYS AND MEANS: Sweeney, Chair; Celsi and Green

**Senate File 285**

WAYS AND MEANS: Boussetot, Chair; Bisignano and Schultz

**Senate File 307**

APPROPRIATIONS: Boussetot, Chair; Kraayenbrink and Petersen

**Senate File 321**

EDUCATION: Shipley, Chair; Pike and Zimmer

**Senate File 322**

EDUCATION: Green, Chair; Pike and Quirnbach

**Senate File 332**

EDUCATION: Evans, Chair; Kraayenbrink and Zimmer

**Senate File 335**

EDUCATION: Salmon, Chair; Pike and Quirnbach

[Senate File 344](#)

EDUCATION: Evans, Chair; Kraayenbrink and Winckler

[Senate File 345](#)

EDUCATION: Evans, Chair; Kraayenbrink and Trone Garriott

[Senate File 346](#)

WORKFORCE: Driscoll, Chair; Donahue and Taylor

[Senate File 355](#)

WORKFORCE: Driscoll, Chair; Lofgren and Townsend

[Senate File 358](#)

WORKFORCE: Driscoll, Chair; Dotzler and Taylor

[Senate File 361](#)

VETERANS AFFAIRS: McClintock, Chair; Dawson and Dotzler

[SSB 1114](#)

(Reassigned)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Webster, Chair; Lofgren and Wahls

[SSB 1116](#)

(Reassigned)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Sires, Chair; Knox and Webster

[SSB 1158](#)

AGRICULTURE: Alons, Chair; Bennett and McClintock

[SSB 1159](#)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Webster, Chair; Driscoll and Weiner

[SSB 1160](#)

AGRICULTURE: Sires, Chair; Zimmer and Zumbach

[SSB 1161](#)

TRANSPORTATION: Zumbach, Chair; Blake and Koelker

[SSB 1162](#)

TRANSPORTATION: Webster, Chair; Bennett and Dickey

**[SSB 1163](#)**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: Klimesh, Chair; Costello and Trone Garriott

**[SSB 1164](#)**

EDUCATION: Evans, Chair; Gruenhagen and Zimmer

**[SSB 1165](#)**

WORKFORCE: Taylor, Chair; Alons and Donahue

**FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS OF BILL ACTION****EDUCATION**

**Bill Title:** \*[SENATE FILE 368](#) (formerly [SF 111](#)), a bill for an act relating to school personnel training, including by implementing provisions related to emergency care planning, authorizations for assisting, and limitations of liability concerning students with epilepsy or seizure disorder, and requiring the department of education to convene a health care-related training for school personnel work group.

**Recommendation:** APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 15: Evans, Taylor, Quirnbach, Campbell, Donahue, Garrett, Green, Gruenhagen, Kraayenbrink, Pike, Salmon, Shipley, Trone Garriott, Winckler, and Zimmer. Nays, 1: Rozenboom. Excused, none.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

\*Pursuant to Rule 40, the Legislative Services Agency reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Education Committee on [Senate File 368](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

**ALSO:**

**Bill Title:** \*[SENATE FILE 369](#) ([SSB 1030](#)), a bill for an act requiring students to pass the United States citizenship and immigration services naturalization civics test as a condition of high school graduation and high school equivalency diplomas.

**Recommendation:** APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 14: Evans, Taylor, Campbell, Garrett, Green, Gruenhagen, Kraayenbrink, Pike, Rozenboom, Salmon, Shipley, Trone Garriott, Winckler, and Zimmer. Nays, 2: Quirnbach, and Donahue. Excused, none.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

\*Pursuant to Rule 40, the Legislative Services Agency reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Education Committee on [Senate File 369](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

**ALSO:**

**Bill Title:** \*[SENATE FILE 370 \(SSB 1065\)](#), a bill for an act relating to electronic devices in schools, including student access during instructional hours, school safety plans, and instruction related to the effects of social media in grades six through eight, and including effective date provisions.

**Recommendation:** APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 16: Evans, Taylor, Quirnbach, Campbell, Donahue, Garrett, Green, Gruenhagen, Kraayenbrink, Pike, Rozenboom, Salmon, Shipley, Trone Garriott, Winckler, and Zimmer. Nays, none. Excused, none.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

\*Pursuant to Rule 40, the Legislative Services Agency reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Education Committee on [Senate File 370](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Bill Title:** \*[SENATE FILE 383 \(SSB 1074\)](#), a bill for an act relating to pharmacy benefits managers, pharmacies, and prescription drugs and including applicability provisions.

**Recommendation:** APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 16: Klimesh, Trone Garriott, Alons, Campbell, Celsi, Donahue, Garrett, Lofgren, Petersen, Pike, Rowley, Salmon, Sweeney, Wahls, Warme, and Zimmer. Nays, 1: Costello. Excused, 1: Guth.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

\*Pursuant to Rule 40, the Legislative Services Agency reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Health and Human Services Committee on [Senate File 383](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Bill Title:** [SENATE FILE 377 \(SSB 1107\)](#), a bill for an act prohibiting the consideration of the deployment, implementation, or use of a motor carrier safety improvement when determining a person's employment status.

**Recommendation:** APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 15: Zumbach, Webster, Townsend, Celsi, Dickey, Gruenhagen, Klimesh, Koelker, Lofgren, Pike, Rozenboom, Shipley, Warme, Winckler, and Zimmer. Nays, none. Excused, 3: Bennett, Blake, and De Witt.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

**ALSO:**

**Bill Title:** [SENATE FILE 378](#) (formerly [SF 73](#)), a bill for an act relating to the default speed limit for all vehicular traffic, and making penalties applicable.

**Recommendation:** APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 11: Zumbach, Webster, Dickey, Gruenhagen, Klimesh, Koelker, Lofgren, Pike, Rozenboom, Shipley, and Warme. Nays, 4: Townsend, Celsi, Winckler, and Zimmer. Excused, 3: Bennett, Blake, and De Witt.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

**WORKFORCE**

**Bill Title:** [SENATE FILE 379 \(SSB 1119\)](#), a bill for an act creating a deduction available against the individual income tax for educational expenses at institutions of higher education for career-related programs and apprenticeship programs, and including retroactive applicability provisions.

**Recommendation:** APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

**Final Vote:** Yeas, 13: Dickey, Schultz, Donahue, Alons, Dotzler, Driscoll, Lofgren, McClintock, Pike, Sires, Taylor, Townsend, and Wahls. Nays, none. Excused, none.

**Fiscal Note:** NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.