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FIFTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY
THIRTIETH SESSION DAY

Senate Chamber
Des Moines, Iowa, Tuesday, March 4, 2025

The Senate met in regular session at 9:03 a.m., President Sinclair presiding.

Prayer was offered by the Honorable Sarah Trone Garriott, member of the Senate from Dallas County.

The Journal of Monday, March 3, 2025, was approved.

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

President Sinclair announced that **Senate Files 447, 465, and 475** were referred from the Regular Calendar to the committee on **Ways and Means** under Senate Rule 38.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Whitver, the Senate adjourned at 9:23 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

APPENDIX

COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Iowa Economic Development Authority Annual Report, pursuant to Iowa Code section 15.107B. Report received on March 3, 2025.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

AGRICULTURE

Convened: Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 9:55 a.m.

Members Present: Driscoll, Chair; Rozenboom, Vice Chair; Zimmer, Ranking Member; Alons, Bennett, Bisignano, Costello, Guth, Knox, McClintock, Quirnbach, Shipley, Sires, Sweeney, and Zumbach.

Members Absent: Green (excused).

Committee Business: [SF 432](#) w/amendment, [SSB 1158](#) w/amendment, and [SSB 1160](#).

Adjourned: 10:15 a.m.

EDUCATION

Convened: Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 11:15 a.m.

Members Present: Evans, Chair; Taylor, Vice Chair; Quirnbach, Ranking Member; Campbell, Donahue, Garrett, Green, Gruenhagen, Kraayenbrink, Pike, Rozenboom, Salmon, Shipley, Trone Garriott, Winckler, and Zimmer.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: [SF 127](#), [SF 138](#), [SF 221](#), [SF 366](#), [SSB 1075](#) w/amendment, [SF 172](#) w/amendment, and [SF 237](#) w/amendment.

Adjourned: 12:10 p.m.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Convened: Monday, March 3, 2025, 12:20 p.m.

Recessed: 1:00 p.m.

Reconvened: 3:20 p.m.

Members Present: Webster, Chair; Klimesh, Vice Chair; Weiner, Ranking Member; De Witt, Driscoll, Guth, Knox, Lofgren, Quirnbach, Sires, Taylor, Wahls, and Westrich.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: [SF 161](#), [SF 279](#), [SSB 1095](#) w/amendment, [SSB 1105](#) w/amendment, [SSB 1108](#) w/amendment, [SSB 1073](#), [SSB 1042](#) w/amendment, [SSB 1150](#) w/amendment, [SSB 1072](#) w/amendment, and [SSB 1159](#) w/amendment.

Adjourned: 3:55 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

[Senate File 487](#), by committee on Workforce, a bill for an act relating to employer recordkeeping and auditing requirements for purposes of unemployment insurance and including applicability provisions.

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

[Senate File 488](#), by committee on Transportation, a bill for an act relating to vehicle registration plates, including registration plate frames and Gadsden flag special registration plates, providing fees, and making appropriations.

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

[Senate File 489](#), by committee on Transportation, a bill for an act requiring the department of transportation to ensure equal representation for the development of statewide urban design specifications.

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

[Senate File 492](#), by committee on Transportation, a bill for an act relating to the acquisition of certain vehicles by a vehicle recycler, and making penalties applicable.

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

[Senate File 493](#), by committee on Local Government, a bill for an act prohibiting political subdivisions from using certain moneys to hire lobbyists or pay instrumentalities, and providing penalties.

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

[Senate File 494](#), by committee on Local Government, a bill for an act prohibiting the regulation of certain residential gardens by state agencies and local governments.

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

[Senate File 495](#), by committee on Local Government, a bill for an act relating to nuisance actions against sports or exposition venues.

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

[Senate File 496](#), by committee on Local Government, a bill for an act relating to county and city regulation of pet licenses and fees.

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

[Senate File 497](#), by committee on Local Government, a bill for an act concerning county and city administration, and including effective date and applicability provisions.

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

[Senate File 498](#), by committee on Local Government, a bill for an act relating to county and city landscaping regulation in commercial and multifamily residential zones.

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

[Senate File 499](#), by committee on Local Government, a bill for an act relating to certain emergency services provided by a city.

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

[Senate File 500](#), by Costello, a bill for an act relating to establishing the school security personnel grant program within the department of homeland security and emergency management and making appropriations.

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

[Senate File 501](#), by Petersen, a bill for an act relating to medical assistance program and Hawki program coverage for standard fertility preservation services.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Health and Human Services**.

[Senate File 502](#), by Petersen, a bill for an act requiring certain employers to include pay scale information in communications offering employment, and providing penalties.

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

[Senate File 503](#), by committee on Local Government, a bill for an act relating to government bodies for purposes of open records, and making penalties applicable.

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

[Senate File 504](#), by committee on Workforce, a bill for an act relating to unemployment insurance taxes on employers.

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

[Senate File 505](#), by Blake, Bennett, Weiner, Dotzler, Donahue, Winckler, Zimmer, Townsend, Staed, Petersen, Quirnbach, Bisignano, Trone Garriott, and Knox, a bill for an act codifying a firsthome program administered by the Iowa finance authority.

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

[Senate File 506](#), by committee on Transportation, a bill for an act relating to raw farm products for purposes of increased gross weight for motor vehicles transporting such products on this state's public highways.

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

[Senate File 507](#), by committee on Local Government, a bill for an act restricting county and city diversity, equity, and inclusion programs.

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

[Senate File 508](#), by Trone Garriott, a bill for an act requiring joint training sessions for nursing home inspectors and nursing facilities related to skilled nursing and therapy services.

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

[Senate File 509](#), by Townsend, a bill for an act relating to employment status and employment benefits and including applicability provisions.

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

[Senate File 510](#), by committee on Education, a bill for an act relating to elective social studies courses emphasizing religious scripture that school districts may offer and teach.

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

[Senate File 511](#), by committee on Local Government, a bill for an act relating to Iowa's urban renewal law and urban revitalization law by establishing provisions governing certain property used for gaming, and including effective date, applicability, and retroactive applicability provisions.

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

STUDY BILLS RECEIVED

[SSB 1199](#) **Judiciary**

Creating a study committee on the administration of the court debt system.

SSB 1200 **Judiciary**

Relating to judicial branch administration, including judicial officer residency, remote proceedings, court reporter supervision and duties, and civil pleadings availability.

SSB 1201 **Judiciary**

Relating to magistrate judges, and including effective date provisions.

SSB 1202 **Rules and Administration**

Promoting mutually beneficial cooperation between the state of Iowa and Taiwan in certain economic sectors.

SSB 1203 **Commerce**

Creating a specialty business court, providing fees, and including effective date and applicability provisions.

SSB 1204 **Commerce**

Relating to property law by modifying provisions related to forcible entry and detainer actions and to landlord and tenant law.

SSB 1205 **Ways and Means**

Relating to matters under the purview of the Iowa economic development authority, including tax credit limits, targeted jobs tax credits, and the major economic growth attraction program; creation of the business incentives for growth program, the seed investor tax credit program, the Iowa film production incentive program, the research and development tax credit program, and the sustainable aviation fuel production tax credit program; elimination of the high quality jobs program, the investments in qualifying businesses tax credit, employer child care tax credits, assistive device tax credits, endow Iowa tax credits, and research activities tax credits; and including effective date provisions and criminal penalties.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

[Senate File 430](#)

JUDICIARY: Lofgren, Chair; Garrett and Quirmbach

[Senate File 451](#)

JUDICIARY: Schultz, Chair; Blake and Bousselot

[Senate File 463](#)

JUDICIARY: Schultz, Chair; Blake and Bousselot

[Senate File 467](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Rozenboom, Chair; Blake and Schultz

[Senate File 480](#)

WORKFORCE: Driscoll, Chair; Donahue and Schultz

[Senate File 482](#)

JUDICIARY: Schultz, Chair; Blake and Bousselot

[Senate File 483](#)

TRANSPORTATION: Klimesh, Chair; Townsend and Zumbach

[Senate File 485](#)

EDUCATION: Rozenboom, Chair; Kraayenbrink and Quirmbach

[SSB 1156](#)

(Reassigned)

WAYS AND MEANS: Dawson, Chair; Bisignano and Rowley

[SSB 1199](#)

JUDICIARY: Dawson, Chair; Petersen and Schultz

[SSB 1200](#)

JUDICIARY: Garrett, Chair; Knox and Rowley

[SSB 1201](#)

JUDICIARY: Garrett, Chair; Bisignano and Rowley

[SSB 1202](#)

RULES AND ADMINISTRATION: Whitver, Chair; Bisignano, Dickey, Donahue, Klimesh, Koelker, Kraayenbrink, Rozenboom, Sinclair, and Weiner.

[SSB 1203](#)

COMMERCE: Boussetot, Chair; Knox and Webster

[SSB 1204](#)

COMMERCE: Webster, Chair; Blake and Warme

[SSB 1205](#)

WAYS AND MEANS: Dawson, Chair; Dotzler and Klimesh

FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS OF BILL ACTION

EDUCATION

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 172](#), a bill for an act relating to child sexual abuse and child sexual assault awareness and prevention.

Recommendation: AMEND AND DO PASS, AS PROVIDED IN AMENDMENT [S-3017](#).

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

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 510](#) (formerly [SF 138](#)), a bill for an act relating to elective social studies courses emphasizing religious scripture that school districts may offer and teach.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 11: Evans, Taylor, Campbell, Garrett, Green, Gruenhagen, Kraayenbrink, Pike, Rozenboom, Salmon, and Shipley. Nays, 5: Quirnbach, Donahue, Trone Garriott, Winckler, and Zimmer. Excused, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bill Title: *[SENATE FILE 493 \(SSB 1042\)](#), a bill for an act prohibiting political subdivisions from using certain moneys to hire lobbyists or pay instrumentalities, and providing penalties.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 9: Webster, Klimesh, De Witt, Driscoll, Guth, Lofgren, Sires, Wahls, and Westrich. Nays, 3: Weiner, Knox, and Quirnbach. Excused, 1: Taylor.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

*Pursuant to Rule 40, the Legislative Services Agency reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Local Government Committee on [Senate File 493](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

ALSO:

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 494](#) (formerly [SF 161](#)), a bill for an act prohibiting the regulation of certain residential gardens by state agencies and local governments.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 12: Webster, Klimesh, Weiner, De Witt, Driscoll, Guth, Knox, Lofgren, Quirnbach, Sires, Wahls, and Westrich. Excused, 1: Taylor.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 495](#) (formerly [SF 279](#)), a bill for an act relating to nuisance actions against sports or exposition venues.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 12: Webster, Klimesh, Weiner, De Witt, Driscoll, Guth, Knox, Lofgren, Quirnbach, Sires, Wahls, and Westrich. Excused, 1: Taylor.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Bill Title: *[SENATE FILE 496](#) ([SSB 1095](#)), a bill for an act relating to county and city regulation of pet licenses and fees.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 11: Webster, Klimesh, Weiner, De Witt, Driscoll, Guth, Knox, Lofgren, Quirnbach, Wahls, and Westrich. Excused, 2: Sires and Taylor.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

*Pursuant to Rule 40, the Legislative Services Agency reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Local Government Committee on [Senate File 496](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

ALSO:

Bill Title: *[SENATE FILE 497 \(SSB 1105\)](#), a bill for an act concerning county and city administration, and including effective date and applicability provisions.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 11: Webster, Klimesh, Weiner, De Witt, Driscoll, Guth, Knox, Lofgren, Quirnbach, Wahls, and Westrich. Excused, 2: Sires and Taylor.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

*Pursuant to Rule 40, the Legislative Services Agency reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Local Government Committee on [Senate File 497](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

ALSO:

Bill Title: *[SENATE FILE 498 \(SSB 1108\)](#), a bill for an act relating to county and city landscaping regulation in commercial and multifamily residential zones.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 12: Webster, Klimesh, Weiner, De Witt, Driscoll, Guth, Knox, Lofgren, Quirnbach, Sires, Wahls, and Westrich. Excused, 1: Taylor.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

*Pursuant to Rule 40, the Legislative Services Agency reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Local Government Committee on [Senate File 498](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

ALSO:

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 499 \(SSB 1073\)](#), a bill for an act relating to certain emergency services provided by a city.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 12: Webster, Klimesh, Weiner, De Witt, Driscoll, Guth, Knox, Lofgren, Quirnbach, Sires, Wahls, and Westrich. Excused, 1: Taylor.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Bill Title: *[SENATE FILE 503 \(SSB 1072\)](#), a bill for an act relating to government bodies for purposes of open records, and making penalties applicable.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 13: Webster, Klimesh, Weiner, De Witt, Driscoll, Guth, Knox, Lofgren, Quirnbach, Sires, Taylor, Wahls, and Westrich. 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 Local Government Committee on [Senate File 503](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

ALSO:

Bill Title: *[SENATE FILE 507 \(SSB 1150\)](#), a bill for an act restricting county and city diversity, equity, and inclusion programs.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 9: Webster, Klimesh, De Witt, Driscoll, Guth, Lofgren, Sires, Taylor, and Westrich. Nays, 4: Weiner, Knox, Quirnbach, and Wahls. 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 Local Government Committee on [Senate File 507](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

ALSO:

Bill Title: *[SENATE FILE 511 \(SSB 1159\)](#), a bill for an act relating to Iowa's urban renewal law and urban revitalization law by establishing provisions governing certain property used for gaming, and including effective date, applicability, and retroactive applicability provisions.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 10: Webster, Klimesh, De Witt, Driscoll, Guth, Knox, Lofgren, Sires, Taylor, and Westrich. Nays, 3: Weiner, Quirnbach, and Wahls. 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 Local Government Committee on [Senate File 511](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 488 \(SSB 1162\)](#), a bill for an act relating to vehicle registration plates, including registration plate frames and Gadsden flag special registration plates, providing fees, and making appropriations.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 12: Zumbach, Webster, De Witt, Dickey, Gruenhagen, Klimesh, Koelker, Lofgren, Pike, Rozenboom, Shipley, and Warme. Nays, 4: Townsend, Blake, Winckler, and Zimmer. Excused, 2: Bennett and Celsi.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 489 \(SSB 1139\)](#), a bill for an act requiring the department of transportation to ensure equal representation for the development of statewide urban design specifications.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 15: Zumbach, Webster, Townsend, Blake, De Witt, Dickey, Gruenhagen, Klimesh, Koelker, Lofgren, Pike, Rozenboom, Shipley, Warme, and Zimmer. Nays, 1: Winckler. Excused, 2: Bennett and Celsi.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 490](#) (formerly [SF 375](#)), a bill for an act relating to the maximum power output for low-speed electric bicycles and pedestrian conveyances powered by an electric motor.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 16: Zumbach, Webster, Townsend, Blake, De Witt, Dickey, Gruenhagen, Klimesh, Koelker, Lofgren, Pike, Rozenboom, Shipley, Warme, Winckler, and Zimmer. Excused, 2: Bennett and Celsi.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 491 \(SSB 1191\)](#), a bill for an act prohibiting the use of remotely piloted aircraft flying over farm property, and making penalties applicable.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 16: Zumbach, Webster, Townsend, Blake, De Witt, Dickey, Gruenhagen, Klimesh, Koelker, Lofgren, Pike, Rozenboom, Shipley, Warme, Winckler, and Zimmer. Excused, 2: Bennett and Celsi.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 492](#) (formerly [SF 292](#)), a bill for an act relating to the acquisition of certain vehicles by a vehicle recycler, and making penalties applicable.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 16: Zumbach, Webster, Townsend, Blake, De Witt, Dickey, Gruenhagen, Klimesh, Koelker, Lofgren, Pike, Rozenboom, Shipley, Warme, Winckler, and Zimmer. Excused, 2: Bennett and Celsi.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Bill Title: *[SENATE FILE 506 \(SSB 1109\)](#), a bill for an act relating to raw farm products for purposes of increased gross weight for motor vehicles transporting such products on this state's public highways.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 15: Zumbach, Webster, Townsend, Blake, De Witt, Gruenhagen, Klimesh, Koelker, Lofgren, Pike, Rozenboom, Shipley, Warme, Winckler, and Zimmer. Nays, 1: Dickey. Excused, 2: Bennett and Celsi.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

*Pursuant to Rule 40, the Legislative Services Agency reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Transportation Committee on [Senate File 506](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

WORKFORCE

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 487 \(SSB 1165\)](#), a bill for an act relating to employer recordkeeping and auditing requirements for purposes of unemployment insurance and including applicability provisions.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 9: Dickey, Schultz, Alons, Driscoll, Lofgren, McClintock, Pike, Sires, and Taylor. Nays, 4: Donahue, Dotzler, Townsend, and Wahls. Excused, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ALSO:

Bill Title: *[SENATE FILE 504 \(SSB 1173\)](#), a bill for an act relating to unemployment insurance taxes on employers.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 8: Dickey, Schultz, Alons, Driscoll, Lofgren, Pike, Sires, and Taylor.
Nays, 5: Donahue, Dotzler, McClintock, Townsend, and Wahls. 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 Workforce Committee on [Senate File 504](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

MADAM PRESIDENT: I was necessarily absent from the Senate chamber on February 27, 2025, when the vote was taken on [Senate File 418](#). Had I been present, I would have voted Nay.

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AMENDMENTS FILED

S-3014	S.F.	231	Mike Klimesh
S-3015	H.F.	303	Mike Klimesh
S-3016	S.F.	303	Cherielynn Westrich