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# JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Second Calendar Day - Second Session Day

Hall of the House of Representatives  
Des Moines, Iowa, Tuesday, January 15, 2008

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Murphy in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Honorable Marcella Frevert, state representative from Palo Alto County.

## THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by House Page Jana Guy from Newton.

The Journal of Monday, January 14, 2008 was approved.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

[House File 2006](#), by Swaim, a bill for an act allowing the issuance of special destination park deer hunting licenses to nonresidents.

Read first time and referred to committee on **natural resources**.

[House File 2007](#), by Baudler, a bill for an act creating a special Thanksgiving nonresident antlerless deer hunting season.

Read first time and referred to committee on **natural resources**.

[House File 2008](#), by Zirkelbach, a bill for an act limiting methods of campaign communications and making penalties applicable.

Read first time and referred to committee on **state government**.

[House File 2009](#), by Zirkelbach, a bill for an act providing for membership in a protection occupation under the Iowa public employees' retirement system for county jailers.

Read first time and referred to committee on **state government**.

[House File 2010](#), by Whitaker, a bill for an act relating to the use of certain bicycles on streets and highways.

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

[House File 2011](#), by Zirkelbach, a bill for an act concerning eligibility for post-retirement adjustments to benefits under the municipal fire and police retirement system.

Read first time and referred to committee on **state government**.

[House File 2012](#), by Zirkelbach, a bill for an act requiring the incorporation of a personal finance course into the high school curriculum.

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

[House File 2013](#), by Whitaker, a bill for an act relating to leaves of absence for service in elective office.

Read first time and referred to committee on **state government**.

[House File 2014](#), by Schickel, a bill for an act providing for a study regarding the shortage of doctors of psychiatry in Iowa.

Read first time and referred to committee on **human resources**.

[House File 2015](#), by Schickel, a bill for an act requiring institutions of higher learning and community colleges to provide students with specific textbook information.

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

[House File 2016](#), by S. Olson, a bill for an act providing volunteer fire fighters with an individual income tax credit and providing effective and retroactive applicability dates.

Read first time and referred to committee on **ways and means**.

[House File 2017](#), by Schickel, a bill for an act relating to competitive bidding requirements.

Read first time and referred to committee on **state government**.

[House File 2018](#), by Schickel, a bill for an act requiring the department of transportation to study the acceptance of electronic payments at its customer service sites.

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

[House File 2019](#), by Reasoner, a bill for an act relating to short-term nonresident hunting licenses and providing fees.

Read first time and referred to committee on **natural resources**.

[House File 2020](#), by Thomas, a bill for an act allowing belated claims for military service tax credits.

Read first time and referred to committee on **veterans affairs**.

[House File 2021](#), by Zirkelbach, a bill for an act providing an income tax credit for a fitness club membership purchased by a member of the Iowa national guard or a volunteer fire fighter and including effective and retroactive applicability date provisions.

Read first time and referred to committee on **veterans affairs**.

The House stood at ease at 9:07 a.m., until the fall of the gavel.

The House resumed session at 9:33 a.m., Speaker Murphy in the chair.

#### COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Mertz of Kossuth moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Senate that the House was ready to receive it in joint convention.

The motion prevailed and the Speaker appointed as such committee Mertz of Kossuth, Smith of Marshall and Grassley of Butler.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Mertz of Kossuth, Chair of the committee appointed to notify the Senate that the House was ready to receive it in joint convention reported that the committee had performed its duty.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the President of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate and the honorable body of the Senate.

The President was escorted to the Speaker's station, the Secretary to the Chief Clerk's desk and the members of the Senate were seated in the House chamber.

## JOINT CONVENTION

In accordance with law and [House Concurrent Resolution 101](#), duly adopted, the joint convention was called to order at 9:43 a.m., President Kibbie presiding.

Senator Gronstal of Pottawattamie moved that the roll call be dispensed with and that the President of the joint convention be authorized to declare a quorum present.

The motion prevailed.

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

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

The motion prevailed and the President appointed as such committee Senators McCoy of Polk, Wood of Scott and Zaun of Polk, on the part of the Senate, and Representatives Zirkelbach of Jones, Schueller of Jackson and Pettengill of Benton, on the part of the House.

The House stood at ease at 9:45 a.m., until the fall of the gavel.

The House resumed session at 9:49 a.m., President Kibbie in the chair.

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

The Supreme Court Justice, the Justices of the Supreme Court, the Chief Judge and Judges of the Appellate Court were escorted into the House chamber.

Lieutenant Governor Patty Judge was escorted into the House chamber.

Ann Cooper Culver, mother of the Governor, Joanne Thinnes, mother-in-law of the Governor and guests, were escorted into the House chamber.

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

President Kibbie presented Governor Chester J. Culver, who delivered the following condition of the state message:

My Fellow Iowans, Lieutenant Governor Judge, Members of the General Assembly, President Kibbie and Speaker Murphy; Leaders Gronstal, McCarthy, Rants and Wieck.

Fellow statewide elected officials: Miller, Mauro, Northey, Fitzgerald, and Vaudt; all department directors, and state employees.

To General Dardis, Chief Justice Ternus; Justices and members of the Court of Appeals, and special guests. Welcome!

I would like to begin today by recognizing the brave men and women who are serving in our armed forces.

Thank you for your service. We appreciate the sacrifices you and your families, are making on our behalf. To those families who have lost a loved one in the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, I say, although no one can truly know your pain, you should know all Iowans share your grief. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

On a personal note, one of my most memorable experiences last year was greeting members of the 133rd Battalion upon their return home from Iraq. There, I had the pleasure of meeting one soldier, Specialist Jason Timler, from my hometown of McGregor.

Jason and Representative Ray Zirkelbach are members of the 1st Division of the 133rd Infantry, simply known as the Ironmen. These brave Iowans were overseas for nearly 22 months, serving the longest overseas deployment by an Iowa unit since World War II.

The 133rd has also been one of the most highly decorated units deployed to Iraq. The soldiers of the 133rd have: Earned 26 Bronze Stars, with 3 of those cited for valor; they earned 11 Army commendation medals for valor; and, conducted more than 500 combat missions, more than 30 of them earned the Purple Heart; (including Representative Zirkelbach) and they built 29 schools for Iraqi children.

So, we are all very proud of the 133rd! And, as a token of our appreciation, please join me in welcoming Specialist Jason Timler to the chamber.

Article Four, Section Twelve, of the Iowa Constitution says, and I quote: The Governor shall communicate, by message, to the General Assembly, at every regular session, the condition of the state, and recommend such matters as he shall deem expedient.

Well, it's my Constitutional duty, my pleasure, and my privilege to report, that on this 15th day of January, in the year 2008:

The Condition of our state is strong!

Here's why: First of all, our fiscal house is in order. The budget you passed and the one I signed was fiscally responsible. It included a \$600 million dollar cash reserve, the largest in Iowa history.

Second, our bio-economy is booming. With your help, we are building the Silicon Valley of the Midwest and becoming the renewable energy capital of the United States.

Most importantly, this is resulting in historic job creation and economic development.

The bio-fuels industry has added more than \$8 billion dollars to Iowa's economy, and has created or supported more than 50,000 new jobs.

The state has partnered in this effort too. In 2007, with our assistance, more than 1,800 new green-collar jobs were created. And, more than \$3 billion dollars of private sector green investments were made.

Communities across Iowa that have experienced real economic challenges, like Keokuk, Fort Madison and Newton, have recently seen a new rebirth by tapping into the booming wind industry. Each of these cities is in the process of adding hundreds of new wind-generation manufacturing jobs.

I believe this is only the beginning of what's possible!

A recent study projects within a 600 mile radius of Iowa, more than \$20 billion dollars in wind projects will be constructed over the next seven years. To capitalize on this opportunity for our state, I've traveled across the nation, and to countries like Germany, Denmark and Spain, to do everything within my power to bring these jobs to Iowa.

And we've gotten results.

Iowa is now home to five wind generation manufacturers who have recently decided to locate or expand here – Acciona, Siemens, Clipper, Hendricks, and TPI.

So, to put it in perspective, Iowa is now one of only two states in the nation manufacturing the three major component parts of a windmill - towers, turbines and blades.

These new advanced manufacturing “bio-jobs” we're creating are key to Iowa's continued economic growth.

In addition, the Condition of the State is strong because last year you passed and I signed historic legislation. These new initiatives related to job creation, renewable energy, health care, and education, will improve our quality of life and strengthen our economy.

Most importantly, we kept the promises we made to the people who sent us here.

We promised to raise the minimum wage - and we did.

We promised to increase teacher pay and expand early childhood education - and we did.

We promised to provide income tax relief for tens of thousands of hard working Iowans - and we did.

We promised to expand health care for Iowa's kids - and we did.

We promised to lift the ban on stem cell research and build a state of the art research facility at the University of Iowa - and we did.

We promised to provide our veterans injury, education and housing assistance – and we did.

We promised our seniors we'd put more senior advocates to work across Iowa - and we did.

We promised to make college more affordable and to support our public and private colleges and universities at the highest levels since 1981 - and we did.

We promised to increase civil liberties protections for all Iowans, to fight discrimination and harassment at work and in our schools - and we did.

We promised to invest in our environment, by supporting REAP, the Resource Enhancement and Protection program, at its highest levels ever - and we did.

Finally, we promised to make Iowa the national leader in renewable energy. We said we'd establish an office of Energy Independence and create a, \$100 million dollar renewable energy research and development fund. And we did!

We should be proud of these accomplishments. Now, it's up to us to build on them.

So, for all of these reasons, I'm happy to report, the Condition of the State is strong!

I believe our goals this session are simple - protect our priorities, balance the budget, and address some unmet needs.

Our budget must reflect our commitment to protect the new initiatives we launched last session.

So, in order to maintain our lead in this new bio-economy, we must continue to support the Iowa Power Fund.

Let's make sure we pay our teachers what they deserve, and do whatever it takes to bring them to the national average in teacher pay.

We need to maintain the funding levels for our community colleges, regents' institutions and private colleges.

Let's expand early childhood education so we can meet our goal of offering it statewide by 2010.

We must meet the obligation we have to the most vulnerable among us, our uninsured children. Let's expand health care to 7,500 more kids.

And let's not forget those who helped us make this state such a great place - our senior citizens and our veterans.

The only way we can be certain to fulfill these priorities is to keep our fiscal house in order. Here's how we can do it: limit new spending; continue to live within our means, and protect our cash reserves.

Today I want to share with you the steps I've already taken to present a balanced budget.

First...we just have to say no!! In August, of last year, I asked my Department Directors to submit budget requests that limited any new spending.

Second, the budget I'm proposing allows us to keep our promises. It also protects our priorities, identifies a few new revenue sources, and fully funds our cash reserves. Third, our administration continues to find ways to save taxpayer money, and we're making government more efficient.

To my second Constitutional duty of the day I will touch on such matters as I deem expedient!

The fact is, there are still unmet needs. We have much work to do in the areas of: health care, environment, renewable energy, infrastructure, tax fairness, workforce development, and worker's rights.

Let's start with health care.

Why shouldn't every Iowan get the same type of insurance coverage as elected officials get?

Well, that's my goal.

Let's take up the challenge of making health care affordable and accessible to all Iowans!

I want to acknowledge the hard work of the Affordable Health Care Commission, chaired by Senator Jack Hatch and Representative Ro Foege, and thank all who contributed to this effort.

I believe, as the report indicated, there are some immediate steps we need to take.

We should expand pooling options for associations, small businesses, and organizations in an effort to reduce the cost of group rates.

Let's allow parents to cover their adult children up to age 25, on a family plan. Let's eliminate exclusions and waiting periods for people who are transitioning from group health plans to individual plans.

Let's cap long-term care insurance rate increases, at 12 percent per year, to protect our aging policyholders.

Let's set the standard for electronic medical records and telemedicine! Iowa providers are now partnering with the state and federal government to build the nation's first statewide fiber-optic health care information network.

Additionally, we need to address our health care worker shortage. Let's start with nurses. We need more of them, and better pay for them.

The U.S. Department of Labor ranks Iowa as the 49th lowest paying state for registered nurses. This is unacceptable and we need to do something about it.

So, I'm appointing a task force to meet and make recommendations by March 1st of this year, on how we can best increase nurse's pay and address the shortage.

As a former nurse, Lieutenant Governor Judge, is the perfect person to lead this effort, and she's agreed to do so.

We also need additional funding for early detection. So, in my budget I have dedicated resources to ensure more Iowans, especially women, have access to early screening for cancer.

Finally, if you send me a bill to ban smoking at the local level, I will sign it!! While all these steps are critically important, the reality is, our most effective health care

reform opportunity lies in the area of prevention, wellness and chronic disease management.

So, in an effort to save the state millions of dollars and improve the lives of thousands, we will institute a new state employees' wellness initiative. After all, wellness and prevention are key to reducing costs, reducing medical claims filed, and reducing the number of procedures performed, and keeping people healthy. This has already been done in places like Asheville, North Carolina. Over a three year period, the city of Asheville cut their medical claims in half for their employees by encouraging fitness and managing chronic disease. I believe we can, too.

In addition, we will initiate a state employee's chronic disease management program. This will put trained professionals to work coaching state employees and their families about how best to eliminate or reduce the effects of the five most common chronic diseases, like: obesity, heart disease, and diabetes.

Finally, whether it's popular or not, the fact is, the best way to achieve affordable, accessible health care for all, involves each of us taking responsibility for the quality of our own health.

That's why Lieutenant Governor Judge last summer started a statewide conversation about the future of wellness. I want to commend her for her efforts, and thank her for the tremendous work she's doing as Iowa's Lt. Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Health and Wellness has forwarded their findings to you. One of the most frightening things the wellness commission noted is that, 50% of Iowa's kids are overweight and 20% of those kids are morbidly obese.

That's why this session I have recommended we establish a minimum standard for physical activity in our schools. We will also partner with the American Diabetes Association and other groups to create a statewide focus on wellness for our children.

And we should take the steps necessary to replace unhealthy food choices in schools, with a statewide effort to promote healthier school meals, and better options when it comes to vending machines.

So, my budget places significant resources into wellness initiatives and I look forward to working with you on taking steps to a healthier Iowa.

There's one more thing. As a former coach, I used to say, if you want to talk the talk, you better walk the walk.

So, in an effort to provide leadership on this important issue, I have asked every state employee, and today I ask everyone in this chamber, and all Iowans, to join the Lt. Governor, and me, to take on the: 100-Day Lighten Up Iowa Challenge. Let's lose weight and exercise more together!

The program begins tomorrow, and so I encourage you to sign up today at: [WWW.GOVERNOR.IOWA.GOV](http://WWW.GOVERNOR.IOWA.GOV), or call 1-888-777-8881.

Now, let's move to needs related to our environment. Clean air, clean water and conservation are important Iowa values. So, I think we need to take two important steps this session to protect them. One: I believe we should fully honor our commitment to Iowa's natural resources through the incredibly successful REAP program. In addition, we need to find a sustainable funding source for REAP.

I've identified, I believe, the best way to pay for it. That's why I've proposed expanding the bottle bill. This is fitting as we celebrate its 30th anniversary this year. This bi-partisan success was sponsored by former Governor Branstad in this very chamber when he was a legislator, and signed by former Governor Ray, in 1978.

After thirty years of Keeping Iowa Beautiful and keeping bottles and cans out of the ditches and landfills, I believe expanding the bottle bill is an idea whose time has come.

So, I propose we make more containers subject to the deposit including the plastic and aluminum containers of bottled water, juice, and energy drinks that more and more consumers are seeking out.

I am also proposing the deposit be changed to 10 cents per container. The solution is practical, and workable. One more cent will go to your local recycler, one cent to permanently protect our environment, and the rest goes right back into the consumer's pocket where it belongs!

I believe it's the right thing to do. That's why I'm committed to working with Legislators, grocers, retailers, redemption centers, environmental groups and consumers to get the bill signed into law as soon as possible.

Number two: to address air quality, my budget calls for a first -ever, statewide, million dollar, new odor management program.

I'm calling for a field-based, study with hands-on research by experts at Iowa State University, with real, on the ground impact.

Number three: To improve water quality, I urge this body to continue its work in seeking common ground on the sometimes challenging issues related to contained animal feeding operations, siting, zoning, local control, and protecting our lakes, rivers, and streams. I have, and I will continue to meet with all interested parties to try to move forward on this issue.

You know, we've made real progress on renewable energy, and now is time to build on it.

As I stated previously, funding the Iowa Power Fund and supporting the Office of Energy Independence and the Power Fund Board should be our top priorities.

But, it's also time for a new Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard. We must require 25% percent of all energy produced in Iowa be from a renewable source by 2025.

I'd also like to expand the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Program, to include terminal blending of ethanol and biodiesel.

Let's help our farmers, consumers, and ethanol, and biodiesel producers, by developing the infrastructure necessary to increase access and drive greater consumption of Iowa-grown bio-fuels. This will increase the demand for flex fuel vehicles, which will allow us to sell more E-10, E-85 and biodiesel at the pump.

Speaking of infrastructure, we all know there are needs with our bridges and roads because of the density and age of our roads system. Addressing this issue is critical to our public safety, quality of life, and economy.

That's why I have directed the Department of Economic Development to come up with a long-range, comprehensive infrastructure plan for Iowa.

And we're not just talking about bridges and roads – we're looking at rivers, trails, walkways, light rail, public buildings, schools, correctional facilities, and telecommunications.

We must address every facet of our 21st century infrastructure, to ensure we continue to grow our economy and support the jobs of the future.

While I've said I'm not in favor of increasing the gas tax, with oil at \$100 per barrel and gas prices at record highs, I have been clear about my willingness to join in any bipartisan agreement on how to best generate the revenue necessary.

In the meantime, my budget calls for a quarter-billion dollar investment in our corrections system. The package includes a new penitentiary at Fort Madison. This will replace the outdated civil war-era facility. Replacing this prison is, first and foremost, a matter of public safety. We will also be making significant investments in modernizing the facilities at Mitchellville, Anamosa and Rockwell City.

Most importantly, in an effort to significantly reduce recidivism, we will invest more than ever before in substance abuse and mental health treatment.

In addition, my infrastructure plan allows us to stand up for our veterans whom we owe a debt of gratitude. We'll invest \$20 million in the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, to provide the quality long term care these veterans deserve.

Now, let's move to the issue of tax fairness.

I believe our corporate tax structure must be fixed.

It's just not fair that big, out of state, multi-billion dollar corporations that do tens of millions of dollars of business in Iowa avoid paying Iowa income taxes because of an outdated tax loophole.

While it might be convenient for them, it's just not fair, especially for Iowa-based businesses.

So, let's level the playing field for locally owned, small businesses on Main Street, especially as they compete with larger, out-of-state, corporations.

It's just a matter of common sense. Twenty other states have closed this loophole. Of those, seven are listed on the top ten list of best states in America to do business, according to Forbes Magazine.

Our neighbors in the Midwest like: Nebraska, Illinois, Minnesota, Kansas and North Dakota, have already done this, and we should too!

A final challenge before us includes making sure we have a prepared workforce to meet the needs of the 21st Century.

We have all seen the data that shows our state will soon face a workforce shortage, unless we do something about it. That's why I recently convened the first-ever Governor's Workforce Summit to bring those affected by this challenge to the table to come up with solutions.

Based on this, I'm proposing we build a \$5 million dollar science, technology, engineering, and math – or STEM – Center at the University of Northern Iowa.

This will help us double the number of math and science teachers in our public schools and make sure every high school graduate is ready for the jobs of the future.

In addition, I am asking you to join with me in fully funding our successful community college level workforce training program, known as ACE.

And, to meet the workforce needs of the future, let's continue to do what we can to make college more affordable. One way to do this is by expanding the All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship.

This new Needs-Based scholarship program has been very successful. Today, 179 students who have each received scholarship awards of up to \$6,200, are now enrolled in universities and community colleges statewide who likely would not have been able to go to college without it.

Finally, we must raise the bar and expect more from our students in the classroom. We will do whatever it takes to institute Iowa's new Model Core Curriculum statewide standard by 2010. Our goal should be to teach our kids to "love to learn" more chemistry, more physics, more algebra, and more trigonometry.

I am also interested in working with you to determine how we can best address issues related to educational equity.

Let's make sure all Iowa students receive the same educational opportunities, regardless of geography, family income, or school district.

There's one more thing we need to always keep in mind regarding our workforce—the people on the front-lines: our workers!

Iowa has always had a tradition of fairness in the workplace. Republicans and Democrats proved this when they locked arms and joined together in a bipartisan effort to pass the state's first-ever collective bargaining law.

Our predecessors showed great courage when they found consensus on this, and so many other important labor-management issues. I believe, if we try, we can too.

Let's start by talking about what we can agree on. Let's make Iowa the best place in the nation to work. We can all agree a dignified work environment is an Iowa value.

We can all agree we must pay our workers competitive wages. We can all agree that the right to bargain collectively in the workplace is an important right. We can all agree that companies should be held accountable for hiring illegal workers.

And, we can also agree that it's critical to have healthy and productive labor-management relations in our state.

So, for the benefit of working Iowans, I challenge you to try to find consensus, and to not be afraid to debate difficult issues, like, prevailing wage, independent contractor reform, choice of doctor, fair share, and the right to bargain matters like employee discipline and discharge.

Perhaps one place to start our discussion is with wages. The fact is, Iowa currently ranks 41st in the nation in the wages we pay our workers.

And, the Generation Iowa Commission, which is trying to help us reverse the "Brain Drain" just made improving wages their number one legislative recommendation to keep young people here.

Finally, our workplace needs to be, diverse, inclusive and welcoming. It should be a place that respects workers and accepts all people. If we want to meet the workforce challenges of the future, we must embrace the talents of all Iowans.

Let's do what we can, to ensure Iowa is a land where the American Dream can come true for everyone in our workplace.

In closing, I'm asking for a call to action. Let's always remember what unites us, not what divides us.

My friends, civility works. People expect us to do our work, and to get along. I stand ready to do my part.

I often think about the "Character Counts" program my children John and Clare take part in at their school. This statewide character development initiative is directed by my friend State Representative Scott Raecker.

Three years ago, Michael Josephson, the Founder of "Character Counts" came to this chamber, and spoke to the Legislature about the importance of character. I was in the chamber that day, and I believe the "Six Pillars" of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship are important principles that should guide us every day.

Our duties and our opportunities are tied together. And in both, we find the possibilities for greatness. So, Members of the General Assembly, let's embrace that greatness.

Let's lift up our great state this session. Let's ensure 2008 is a year in which our civility and our constituents are our focus. Let's give it our best effort, tone down the partisan rhetoric, get the peoples' work done, and end the session as friends.

Last year we proved our collective hopes and dreams for Iowa are worth fighting for. Well, I'm asking for a renewal of our commitment to Iowa's future.

One year ago, I stood before you, and spoke of my belief that this was "Our time , to lock arms and work together for the common good". Our time, to create, "One Iowa, With One Unlimited Future". A future not for Democrats, not for Republicans, but for all Iowans.

Well, one year later, I believe this even more than I did then.

I know, if we approach our efforts with the same spirit of optimism, honesty, and hard work, that every Iowan knows, we will be successful. When we do this, citizens will look back at our efforts, and say, "We have a government as good as our people."

Thank you, God bless you, and God Bless the State of Iowa.

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

On motion by McCarthy of Polk, the joint convention was dissolved at 11:05 a.m.

The House resumed session at 11:15 a.m., Speaker Murphy in the chair.

## CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

MR. SPEAKER: The Chief Clerk of the House respectfully reports that certificates of recognition have been issued as follows.

MARK W. BRANDSGARD  
Chief Clerk of the House

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| 2008\35 | Elvira Riessen, Denison – For celebrating her 85 <sup>th</sup> birthday.                   |
| 2008\36 | Harold and Ellen Henningsen, Denison – For celebrating their 62 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary. |
| 2008\37 | Ervin Kuhlmann, Charter Oak – For celebrating his 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday.               |
| 2008\38 | Martha Timm, Charter Oak – For celebrating her 103 <sup>rd</sup> birthday.                 |
| 2008\39 | Richard and Marie Peters, Schleswig – For celebrating their 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary.  |

2008\40	Wilford Laverman, Sully – For celebrating his 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday.
2008\41	Bill and Bertha Zylstra, Sully – For celebrating their 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary.
2008\42	Hendrika Rozendaal, Grinnell – For celebrating her 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday.
2008\43	Gunnar Shipley, Newton – For earning the Honor Cadet award and receiving the Meritorious Recognition Ribbon from the Naval Sea Cadets Corps.
2008\44	Orville and Rita Deardorff, Bagley – For celebrating their 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary.
2008045	Glen and Colleen Deardorff, Yale – For celebrating their 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

##### [House File 885](#)

Agriculture: Wenthe, Chair; De Boef and Gayman.

##### [House File 2001](#)

Veterans Affairs: Bailey, Chair; Thomas and Tymeson.

##### [Senate File 34](#)

Transportation: Cohoon Chair; Arnold, Bukta, Huseman and Lykam.

#### HOUSE STUDY BILL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

##### [H.S.B. 500](#) **Transportation**

Relating to the motor vehicle financial liability law and dismissal of citations for drivers or owners who acquire financial liability coverage.

##### [H.S.B. 501](#) **Transportation**

Relating to fees charged for driver's licenses.

##### [H.S.B. 502](#) **Transportation**

Relating to the safety of motor vehicle passengers under eighteen years of age and providing penalties.

##### [H.S.B. 503](#) **Education**

Relating to appointments to the college student aid commission and including an effective date and applicability provision.

**H.S.B. 504 Human Resources**

Requiring the posting of a notice regarding the effects of alcohol on pregnant women and fetuses in the licensed premises of holders of liquor control, beer, and wine licenses or permits.

On motion by McCarthy of Polk the House adjourned at 11:15 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 16, 2008.