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FIFTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY
THIRTY-SECOND SESSION DAY

Senate Chamber
Des Moines, Iowa, Thursday, March 1, 2007

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

Prayer was offered by the Honorable Dave Mulder, member of the Senate from Sioux County, Sioux Center, Iowa.

The Journal of Wednesday, February 28, 2007, was approved.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (Regular Calendar)

Senator Courtney asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration [Senate Resolution 18](#).

[Senate Resolution 18](#)

On motion of Senator Appel, [Senate Resolution 18](#), a resolution designating March 2007 as Iowa Women's History Month, with report of committee recommending passage, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Appel moved the adoption of [Senate Resolution 18](#), which motion prevailed by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Courtney, the Senate adjourned at 9:24 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 5, 2007.

APPENDIX

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

MR. PRESIDENT: I was necessarily absent from the Senate chamber on February 28, 2007, when the votes were taken on Senate Files 78, 139, 140, 175, 201, 203, 204, 205, and 305 and [House File 245](#). Had I been present, I would have voted “Yea” on all.

JOHN PUTNEY

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

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

Gerald and Martha Gross—For celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Senator Boettger (3/1/07).

George and Alma Mathiasen—For celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. Senator Boettger (3/1/07).

Charlie and Joan Sorensen—For celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Senator Boettger (3/1/07).

Willis and Thelma Umland—For celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Senator Boettger (3/1/07).

Roland and Velma Wegner—For celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Senator Boettger (3/1/07).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

HUMAN RESOURCES

Convened: Wednesday, February 28, 2007, 3:10 p.m.

Members Present: Ragan, Chair; Schmitz, Vice Chair; Seymour, Ranking Member; Behn, Boettger, Bolkcom, Dotzler, Hatch, Johnson, Kreiman, Mulder, Quirnbach, and Wood.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: Passed [SF 123](#) (as amended), and approved SSBs 1035 and 1142 (as amended).

Recessed: 3:15 p.m.

Reconvened: 3:20 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:45 p.m.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Convened: Wednesday, February 28, 2007, 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Quirmbach, Chair; Beall, Vice Chair; Zaun, Ranking Member; Angelo, Hartsuch, Heckroth, Houser, Kreiman, McKinley, Olive, Rielly, Schoenjahn, and Stewart.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: Passed SFs 13 and 125. Approved SSBs 1196, 1199, and 1237.

Adjourned: 4:20 p.m.

STATE GOVERNMENT

Convened: Wednesday, February 28, 2007, 4:15 p.m.

Members Present: Connolly, Chair; Horn, Vice Chair; Zieman, Ranking Member; Appel, Behn, Black, Danielson, Gaskill, Hahn, Hatch, Kettering, Kibbie, McKibben, Schmitz, and Wood.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: Approved SSBs 1101, 1104, 1106, 1171, and 1229 (all as amended).

Adjourned: 5:35 p.m.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Convened: Wednesday, February 28, 2007, 5:40 p.m.

Members Present: Beall, Chair; Seymour, Ranking Member; Black, Hartsuch, Horn, Kibbie, McKinley, and Ragan.

Members Absent: Warnstadt, Vice Chair; Danielson and McKibben (all excused).

Committee Business: Presentation by the Gold Star Museum.

Adjourned: 6:25 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

Senate Resolution 19, by Wieck, Lundby, Seymour, Noble, Hartsuch, Zieman, Mulder, Kettering, McKinley, Zaun, Gaskill, Putney, Hahn, Ward, Houser, Behn, McKibben, Angelo, and Johnson,

a resolution to honor the work of United States Attorney Matthew Whitaker and State Auditor David Vautd.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

[Senate File 319](#), by committee on Agriculture, a bill for an act relating to cooperative associations, by providing for documentation, including certificates and statements.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar**.

[Senate File 320](#), by Wieck, a bill for an act authorizing a small business health care tax credit, and providing for a retroactive applicability date.

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

[Senate File 321](#), by Boettger, a bill for an act relating to the sales tax exemption for farm machinery and equipment used in agricultural production.

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

[Senate File 322](#), by Boettger, a bill for an act relating to eligibility requirements for the low-income home energy assistance program and the Iowa affordable heating program based on payment of a child support obligation.

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

[Senate File 323](#), by Connolly, a bill for an act relating to certain property eligible for an exemption from property taxation, providing a refund of property taxes in certain circumstances, and including effective and retroactive applicability date provisions.

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

STUDY BILLS RECEIVED

[SSB 1296](#) **State Government**

Establishing an Iowa Abraham Lincoln bicentennial commission and fund and providing for its prospective repeal.

[SSB 1297](#) **State Government**

Requiring the legislative services agency to prepare reports regarding nonprofit hospitals and organized health systems.

[SSB 1298](#) **Economic Growth**

Establishing the office of renewable energy and the Iowa power fund and related provisions, and providing an effective date.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

[Senate File 316](#)

HUMAN RESOURCES: Boettger, Chair; Bolkcom and Ragan

[SSB 1296](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Behn, Chair; Black and Wood

[SSB 1297](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Connolly, Chair; Danielson and Kettering

[SSB 1298](#)

ECONOMIC GROWTH: Stewart, Chair; Dotzler, Houser, Olive, and Seymour

FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT OF BILL ACTION

AGRICULTURE

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 319 \(SSB 1267\)](#), a bill for an act relating to cooperative associations, by providing for documentation, including certificates and statements.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 15: Fraise, Rielly, Johnson, Appel, Black, Boettger, Courtney, Gaskill, Hancock, Houser, Kibbie, Mulder, Olive, Putney, and Seng. Nays, none. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

A communication was received announcing that on February 28, 2007, the Governor approved and transmitted to the Secretary of State the following bills:

[Senate File 32](#) – Extending the future repeal of a provision requiring the issuance of certificates for furnishing local telecommunications services, and providing an effective date.

[Senate File 40](#) – Relating to the regulation of ethical conduct by governmental entities.

[Senate File 162](#) – Creating the Iowa stem cell research and cures initiative, and providing penalties.

[Senate File 305](#) – Authorizing funding for providing disaster grants to needy individuals and families and including effective and retroactive applicability date provisions.

AMENDMENT FILED

[S-3049](#)

[S.F. 264](#)

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