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THIRTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY
TWENTY-THIRD SESSION DAY

Senate Chamber
Des Moines, Iowa, Wednesday, February 18, 2009

The Senate met in regular session at 8:44 a.m., President Kibbie presiding.

Prayer was offered by Father Jack Flaherty of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Manchester, Iowa. He was the guest of Senator Hancock.

The Journal of Tuesday, February 17, 2009, was approved.

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 February 17, 2009, **passed** the following bills in which the concurrence of the House was asked:

[Senate File 82](#), a bill for an act adding four nonvoting members to the Iowa workforce development board.

[Senate File 108](#), a bill for an act relating to the membership of the public safety communications interoperability board and providing an effective and applicability date provision.

ALSO: That the House has on February 17, 2009, **adopted** the following resolutions in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked:

[House Joint Resolution 1](#), a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa to dedicate a portion of state revenue from the tax imposed on certain retail sales

of tangible personal property and services for the benefit of the state's natural resources.

Read first time and attached to **companion [Senate Joint Resolution 1](#)**.

[House Concurrent Resolution 5](#), a concurrent resolution for a joint convention of the two houses of the 2009 session of the Eighty-third General Assembly be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. for Major Ron Dardis to deliver his Condition of the Iowa National Guard message.

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

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[House File 45](#), a bill for an act relating to the suspension or termination of medical assistance during the period that an individual is committed to certain facilities or institutions.

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

[House File 233](#), a bill for an act relating to the disposition of school property and providing an effective date.

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

[House File 260](#), a bill for an act relating to the operation of county, city, and memorial hospitals and the duties and powers of hospital trustees and commissioners.

Read first time and **passed on file**.

[House File 280](#), a bill for an act relating to the compensation of a guardian ad litem in certain criminal cases involving a child witness.

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

SPECIAL GUEST

Senator Dotzler introduced to the Senate chamber Mary Swander, the newly appointed Poet Laureate.

The Senate rose and expressed its welcome.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION
(Regular Calendar)

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Senator Gronstal moved the adoption of [House Concurrent Resolution 5](#), which motion prevailed by a voice vote.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

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

The Senate stood at ease at 8:53 a.m. until the fall of the gavel for the purpose of party caucuses.

The Senate resumed session at 9:16 a.m., President Kibbie presiding.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS
(Regular Calendar)

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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 VII of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended by adding the following new section:

NATURAL RESOURCES. SEC. 10. A natural resources and outdoor recreation trust fund is created within the treasury for the purposes of protecting and enhancing water quality and natural areas in this State including parks, trails, and fish and wildlife habitat, and conserving agricultural soils in this State. Moneys in the fund shall be exclusively appropriated by law for these purposes.

The general assembly shall provide by law for the implementation of this section, including by providing for the administration of the fund and at least annual audits of the fund.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, the fund shall be annually credited with an amount equal to the amount generated by a sales tax rate of three-eighths of one percent as may be imposed upon the retail sales price of tangible personal property and the furnishing of enumerated services sold in this State.

No revenue shall be credited to the fund until the tax rate for the sales tax imposed upon the retail sales price of tangible personal property and the furnishing of enumerated services sold in this State in effect on the effective date of this section is increased. After such an increased tax rate becomes effective, an amount equal to the amount generated by the increase in the tax rate shall be annually credited to the fund, not to exceed an amount equal to the amount generated by a tax rate of three-eighths of one percent imposed upon the retail sales price of tangible personal property and the furnishing of enumerated services sold in this State.

Sec. 2. SUBMISSION FOR RATIFICATION. The foregoing proposed amendment, having been adopted and agreed to by the Eighty-second General Assembly, 2008 Session, thereafter duly published, and now adopted and agreed to by the Eighty-third General Assembly in this joint resolution, shall be submitted to the people of the State of Iowa at the general election in November of the year two thousand ten in the manner required by the Constitution of the State of Iowa and the laws of the State of Iowa.

Senator Dearden asked and received unanimous consent that [House Joint Resolution 1](#) be **substituted** for [Senate Joint Resolution 1](#).

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Senator Dearden moved the adoption of [House Joint Resolution 1](#).

A record roll call was requested.

On the question "Shall the resolution be adopted?" ([H.J.R. 1](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 49:

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Bartz	Fraise	Kettering	Seng
Beall	Gronstal	Kibbie	Seymour
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Black	Hamerlinck	McCoy	Stewart
Boettger	Hancock	McKinley	Ward
Bolkcom	Hartsuch	Noble	Warnstadt
Courtney	Hatch	Olive	Wieck
Dandekar	Heckroth	Quirnbach	Wilhelm
Danielson	Hogg	Ragan	Zaun
Dearden	Horn	Reynolds	
Dotzler	Houser	Rielly	
Dvorsky	Johnson	Schmitz	

Nays, 1:

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Absent, none.

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

WITHDRAWN

Senator Dearden asked and received unanimous consent that [Senate Joint Resolution 1](#) be **withdrawn** from further consideration of the Senate.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Gronstal asked and received unanimous consent that [House Joint Resolution 1](#) be **immediately messaged** to the House.

The Senate stood at ease at 9:26 a.m. until the fall of the gavel.

The Senate resumed session at 9:44 a.m., President Kibbie presiding.

COMMITTEE FROM THE HOUSE

A committee from the House appeared and announced that the House was ready to receive the Senate in joint convention.

In accordance with [House Concurrent Resolution 5](#), duly adopted, the Senate proceeded to the House chamber under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and the Sergeant-at-Arms.

JOINT CONVENTION

In accordance with law and [House Concurrent Resolution 5](#), duly adopted, the joint convention was called to order at 9:49 a.m., President Kibbie presiding.

Senator Gronstal moved that the roll call be dispensed with and that the President of the joint convention be authorized to declare a quorum present, which motion prevailed by a voice vote.

Senator Gronstal moved that a committee of six, three members from the Senate and three members from the House, be appointed to escort Governor Chester J. Culver to the House chamber.

The motion prevailed by a voice vote and the Chair announced the appointment of Senators Olive, Heckroth, and Reynolds on the part of the Senate, and Representatives Zirkelbach, Bukta, and Hagenow on the part of the House.

Senator Gronstal moved that a committee of six, three members from the Senate and three members from the House, be appointed to notify the Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard, Major General Ron Dardis, that the joint convention was ready to receive him.

The motion prevailed by a voice vote and the Chair announced the appointment of Senators Warnstadt, Schmitz, and Kapucian on the part of the Senate, and Representatives Bailey, Whitead and Windschitl on the part of the House.

State Auditor David Vaudt, Treasurer of State Michael Fitzgerald, and Attorney General Tom Miller were escorted into the House chamber.

Lieutenant Governor Patty Judge was escorted into the House chamber.

The family of Major General Dardis was escorted into the House chamber.

The committee waited upon Governor Chester J. Culver and escorted him into the House chamber.

The committee waited upon Major General Dardis, Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard, and escorted him to the Speaker's station.

President Kibbie presented Major General Dardis, Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard. General Dardis provides command and control for 105 Army and Air National Guard Units and over 9,500 Army and Air National Guard members in the state of Iowa.

Major General Dardis delivered the following Condition of the Iowa National Guard Message:

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen: thank you for that warm welcome.

Speaker Murphy, President Kibbie – thank you for the invitation to address this joint convention of the Eighty-third General Assembly of the Iowa Legislature.

It is indeed a great honor and privilege for me to provide this annual report on the condition of *your* Iowa National Guard!

Governor Culver, Lt. Governor Judge, members of the General Assembly, distinguished guests, and fellow Iowans:

I want to begin by saying thank you – thank you to Governor Culver and Lt. Governor Judge for your strong support and outstanding leadership during this most significant period of time in the history of the Iowa National Guard. You have been with us every step of the way.

I want to publicly thank you for your efforts to attend our homecomings, and sendoffs, and many other Guard functions and activities. But especially for your support and admiration of all Iowans who serve their nation in uniform today.

Governor Culver, thank you for your leadership as our Commander-in-Chief.

I also want to sincerely thank you, our citizen-legislators, who have done so much to honor and support the Iowa National Guard. Through your legislative programs and participation in our events, you have done a great deal for our soldiers and airmen. The state of Iowa has by far one of the strongest records of support of any state for its National Guard. Our success is directly attributable to what you have all done for your Iowa National Guard – we thank you.

But above all, I want to thank the people of Iowa. Their support is simply put – incredible. What they did for our soldiers and airmen as they waged a gallant effort to mitigate damages caused by floodwaters and tornadoes is a true testament to the wonderful community support we are so privileged to enjoy in this state.

Even though their communities had been ravaged by record floodwaters, citizens made sure our soldiers and airmen were being taken care of. You wouldn't believe the food and baked goods that showed up wherever we went. The support throughout these communities was humbling. On behalf of the 9,400 members of your Iowa National Guard – we thank you!

Finally, I want to thank the fathers and mothers who continue to show their support for the Iowa National Guard by continuing to entrust us with their most sacred treasure – their sons and daughters. Nothing is more important or a greater testament to the vitality of our organization than for a parent to trust us with what they cherish most.

We will continue doing everything we can to honor that trust and strive to never allow it to be violated.

Today, I deliver my sixth and final Condition of the Guard address. It has been an honor of a lifetime to lead and represent the soldiers and airmen of the Iowa National Guard. After more than 42 years of military service in the Iowa Guard – ten years as the Adjutant General – I can report that the Iowa National Guard is as resilient and ready as it has ever been.

Strengthened by experiences borne of war and disaster response, defined by courageous acts here at home and in faraway lands, and grounded in character handed down from generation to generation, the men and women of your Iowa National Guard are perhaps the most seasoned and prepared military force our state has seen since our units returned from World War II.

More than 5,000 soldiers and airmen currently serving are combat veterans. In the last seven years, we deployed nearly 13,000 soldiers and airmen outside the state of Iowa for combat and combat support duties in Iraq and Afghanistan, peacekeeping duties in the Balkans and in the Sinai Peninsula, and domestic support missions in various states across the country.

This impressive list does not include the 4,000 soldiers and airmen we activated during the floods of 2008, various tornado response missions, and multiple winter ice storms.

Currently 700 of your National Iowa Guard members are deployed overseas, with another 200 alerted and preparing for deployment this spring and summer.

Your Iowa National Guard has truly become an operational force. It is trained and ready to perform its federal, state, and community missions with minimal preparation time.

Though we often have months to train, prepare, and execute our missions – that doesn't always happen, as was the case with the inauguration mission, which we were asked to execute in less than one week.

Your Iowa National Guard is again a national leader in personnel strength management – recruiting and retention. Both the Iowa Air and Army National Guard began fiscal year 2009 with over 100 percent of authorized strength. And our retention rates exceed national goals and are among the highest in the nation. We have been at 100 percent strength for more than eight years in a row – a significant accomplishment considering all we have been asked to do since 9-11.

Last year, I told you that I worried that our military services were becoming stretched and stressed, especially the Army and Army National Guard. And while I am still concerned about the toll the demands of an operational force have on our service members and their families – not to mention employers and communities – I take comfort in the aggressive steps we have taken not only in the Iowa National Guard but also at the state and federal level to do all we can to ease the burdens of service.

We have established a services directorate within the Iowa National Guard headquarters. This directorate consolidates a variety of services into one place, making it easier for service members and families to receive the care and support they need.

This is especially important for service members needing trauma, crisis, or violence programs as a result of mental health issues, domestic violence situations, or other similar circumstances.

The Iowa National Guard is not immune to the suicide situation confronting the Army. We too have experienced an increase in the number of suicides and suicide attempts last year. Like all leaders, I am troubled by this issue. There is no clear trend or cause that is readily apparent. There is nothing that we can point to and say, "If only we fix this or change that, we can prevent it."

The reality is that this is a complex and challenging issue. It is not only an Army or military issue but one that we all must deal with. Young men and women joining the military are not unlike those going off to school, learning a trade, or beginning a career.

They are at a stage of life that is full of changes and oftentimes uncertainty. Relationships begin and end. Careers start and often take unexpected turns. Financial responsibility proves challenging. Like their civilian counterparts, men and women in uniform must navigate these difficult life events.

To help them cope with these and added stressors caused by deployments, separations, and combat-related anxieties, we have developed a broad suicide prevention program for the Iowa National Guard.

This program focuses on developing positive life-coping skills; encouraging a behavior to seek help when needed; raising awareness and vigilance toward suicide prevention; integrating suicide prevention programs throughout our units; and conducting suicide surveillance, analysis, and reporting.

In addition, the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army has ordered a suicide prevention "stand down" and subsequent intervention training to be conducted during the next four months.

Through these and other programs we will continue to do all we can to impact this problem.

By far, one of the biggest areas where the Iowa Legislature has impacted the Iowa National Guard is through its support of our military construction program, which is the best in the nation.

Your Iowa Guard Facilities Management Office, represented here today by COL Scott Ayres and Mr. Mike Brothes, was recognized with the 2008 States Installation Management Excellence Award as the "best installation management program in the country." National Guard Bureau uses this award's program to assess how well the 54 states and territories manage the more than 3,000 nationwide installations.

I've always known that we have the best office in the country, but now it's official. Let me give you a little background.

In 2000, we had approximately 3.279 million square feet of building space in the Iowa Army National Guard. Nearly 30 percent of our 52 armories at that time were more than 45 years old, inefficient, and were below authorized strength. We undertook an aggressive five-year realignment plan of closure, relocation, rehabilitation, and new construction.

Today, we have 3.631 million square feet of space in 49 armories. Only 13 of those armories are more than 45 years old. During the next year we will be closing four armories at Camp Dodge, and replacing old armories in Iowa City, Muscatine, Middletown, and Cedar Rapids. When these facilities are completed and all of our affected units relocated, only five of our armories will be more than 45 years old.

A remarkable accomplishment made possible by the great work of our facilities office as well as the partnership between your Iowa National Guard, the Governor, General Assembly, and our federal congressional delegation.

In the last couple of years we've been nearly as busy on the home front as overseas – ice storms, tornadoes, and the unprecedented floods of 2008 here in Iowa, not to mention providing support to other states and territories in response to natural disasters and homeland security events.

This includes sending soldiers and airmen to the Gulf Coast during Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Ike, and Gustav, and assisting with national special security events like the Republican National Convention in Minneapolis and the 56th presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C. – a first for the Iowa National Guard.

The floods and severe weather of 2008 were by every measure unprecedented. This is the largest disaster ever in Iowa history and ranks among the top ten disasters nationally (as of last week, public assistance numbers by FEMA will move Iowa to 5th worst in U.S. history). And the Iowa National Guard was smack-dab in the middle of the response.

We alerted the entire Iowa National Guard to pre-position troops and equipment in areas of expected missions. We deployed more than 4,000 soldiers and airmen across the state, including the recall of nearly 1,000 Iowa soldiers conducting annual training in South Dakota. This was the most extensive military operation on Iowa soil since the Civil War.

We focused on protecting critical infrastructure and saving lives – our forces maneuvered throughout the state, fighting to stay one step ahead of the rising floodwaters and assist state and local responders with combating the devastation caused by these disasters.

There are many incredible stories to share and accomplishments to highlight, but there is one special capability that your Iowa Guard provided that is unique.

And while the Iowa National Guard was perhaps the most visible partner helping fight these floods, we were one of many organizations – from the local, state, and federal level that responded to Iowans in their time of need.

The response effort was incredible – teamwork at its best. Your Iowa National Guard built goodwill with civilian leadership, community leaders across the state, and the citizens of Iowa. We fulfilled our mission to come to the aid of Iowans in their time of need, even though we had nearly 1,600 soldiers and airmen deployed for their federal mission.

Each year I take a little time to introduce you to some of our soldiers and airmen and share with you some of their experiences and accomplishments.

As you've heard, this has been another busy year.

At the 185th Air Refueling Wing – a young single mother by the name of SSgt Kimberly Heberer deployed as a trauma nurse to what was supposed to be Bagram AB, Afghanistan.

Once she arrived in country, she immediately went to work. On the second day of her six-month deployment, she received orders to move to Forward Operating Base Salerno, or FOB Salerno, a compound with over 300 Army soldiers on the mountainous border of Afghanistan and Pakistan. FOB Salerno was designed to administer emergency triage to wounded U.S. and Afghani military personnel.

SSgt Heberer was one of a handful of airmen integrated at FOB Salerno. The base is located just north of the province of Khost, where hundreds of Taliban and al Qaeda fighters are believed to be hiding.

Since 2003, the primitive base has been built up from a single concrete building and sandbag perimeter. Guard towers and fighting positions have been built, and a field landing strip and helicopter pad exist.

Her story is incredible. Think about it. A single mother who volunteers for a six-month deployment finds herself imbedded with the Army and is on the front line of combat.

Here is a little bit about how she spent her "summer vacation."

"Yes, pretty much each night a bad guy tried to send a message in the form of bullets or mortar attacks. One time I was ordered to go to the hospital during an attack in the middle of the night. I lived in the same dorm as the x-ray tech, and she was on call and had to go too. We put on our vests and Kevlar, engaged our weapons, and ran to the hospital. I could hear the rockets flying overhead on to the FOB – I didn't look up because it was so dark. It was the only time I was scared."

In total, SSgt Heberer provided combat care to over 3,000 United States and coalition forces. She was part of a team that provided assistance to over 200 trauma patients and 120 post-surgical patients. She was part of three mass casualties and expertly supplied emergency staff with laboratory tests and blood products for critical trauma patients.

SSgt Herber is a true American hero and a dedicated member of your Iowa Guard team. She epitomizes the outstanding quality of the wonderful men and women who serve in uniform today.

From April 25th to July 6th, 2008, members of the 185th Air Refueling Wing deployed to Manas Air Base in Kyrgyzstan where they set numerous daily and monthly refueling records. On May 25th, the 185th offloaded a total of 804,800 pounds of fuel, breaking a one-day refueling record of 800,000 pounds that had stood for more than a year. Nine days later the 185th offloaded 822,000 pounds of fuel, another record, *and* just six days later they offloaded another 877,300 pounds of fuel. In the span of 16 days, the 185th set five daily records. Another amazing accomplishment by your Iowa Guard!

The 133rd Test Squadron, Iowa Air National Guard, in Ft. Dodge, served the state with distinction, leading the fight against the Iowa floods in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, and Davenport in June and also provided outstanding assistance and support to the city of Parkersburg after the tornado struck there. Over 90 members of the 133rd Test Squadron answered their state's call to flood duty.

The 133rd also deployed four officers and six enlisted members to the theaters of Iraq and Afghanistan to help in the fight against terrorism. They also successfully conducted business as usual, providing key test and evaluation of Air Force Command and Control platforms. Their federal mission is critical to the success of our Air Force to maintain its global air superiority posture.

The 132nd Fighter Wing had another busy year with deployments, inspections, and emergency support response missions.

Of note was its Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployment to Balad Air Base in Iraq. The wing deployed four aircraft and 387 personnel to support coalition forces. They flew 515 combat missions totaling 1,962 flight hours. They expended 18 munitions during close air support missions, executed 54 tactical reconnaissance sorties, and maintained a 15-minute alert launch capability to support special operations units.

The wing also sent 31 Security Force Service airmen to Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia, to provide integrated base defense. Another 86 airmen participated in Expeditionary Combat Support deployments to USAFCENT and USAEF bases in support of the Global War on Terrorism operations.

Representing the deployed airmen of the 132nd Fighter Wing are SSgt Cindy Jones and SSgt Steve Alcorn.

In June of 2007, 120 soldiers from Troop A, 1st Squadron, 113 Cavalry were called to active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Their mission was to operate a

Joint Visitors Bureau where they provided distinguished visitor housing and security for more than 15,000 guests. This mission enabled these guests, which included presidents, ambassadors, congressional members, senior military leaders from various coalition forces, and entertainers, to operate in a safe and secure environment.

Alpha Troop provided transportation and security for more than 400 distinguished visitor missions, taking them into some of the most hostile areas of Iraq at that time – Mosul, Baqubah, Rusafa, and throughout the Diyala province. They are proud to report that none of the distinguished visitors they were responsible for suffered any injuries or accidents despite being subject to improvised explosive devices and indirect and small arms fire.

Representing Alpha Troop are CPT Jeff Perrin and Sergeant Major Harrison McNaughton.

Also in June 2007, 120 soldiers from Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 168th Infantry were mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 1st 168th Infantry was previously deployed to Afghanistan in 2004, so many of the company's soldiers were volunteers who came from all over Iowa, parts of Nebraska, Illinois, and South Dakota.

Once the company arrived in Iraq, they conducted a variety of missions including limited visibility and daytime patrols in the Al Furat village and tower security in Camp Slayer. During these patrols, Delta Company discovered several weapons cache sites, which netted rocket propelled grenades, sniper rifles, and AK-47s.

In addition to these finds, Delta Company conducted the first joint patrols with the Iraqi Army in the Al Furat area. These joint patrols were instrumental in building legitimacy for the Iraqi Army and helping Delta Company build trust with the local Sunni population.

Delta Company conducted more than 500 combat patrols, had ten engagements with the enemy, and suffered one wounded in action. Representing Delta Company are CPT Adam Giroux and 1SG Ricky Singer.

Approximately 330 soldiers were mobilized from the 1st Battalion, 194th Field Artillery and Company A, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry in June 2007 for peacekeeping duties in Kosovo. Their mission was to ensure a safe and secure environment in Kosovo and assist the transition to civil authority.

A highlight of the battalion's deployment was Kosovo's long anticipated declaration of independence from Serbia. This occurred on February 17, 2008, completing the breakup of former Yugoslavia. While Kosovo Albanians celebrated this moment with fireworks and outdoor gatherings in the frigid February night, Kosovo Serbians were understandably disappointed. The world held its breath and watched.

As the days counted onward, calmness fell over Kosovo. Where many predicted there would be widespread violence and rioting, there was, in fact, an air of relief. This was in large measure to the presence of Kosovo Force (KFOR) soldiers, including your Iowa National Guard soldiers keeping peace in that troubled part of the world.

Representing the 1-194th Field Artillery Battalion are LTC Matt Pitstick and Command Sergeant Major Dave Enright.

Last year I told you the story of the 833rd Engineer Company. This company, if you recall, deployed to Iraq with the 224th Engineer Battalion from October 2004 to December 2005 in what was one of the most difficult and deadly deployments for any Iowa National Guard unit. With less than 14 months of rest, the 833rd was again called up and deployed to Iraq.

During this deployment, the 833rd conducted 495 combat patrols, found 100 improvised explosive devices and 13 pieces of unexploded ordnance. They successfully destroyed 55 of these explosive devices in place, clearing more than 65,000 kilometers of roads, making them safe for coalition forces.

Representing the 833rd Engineer Company are CPT Benjamin Lampe and 1SG Steven Dreher.

In November of 2007, approximately 130 soldiers from the 186th Military Police Company mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 186th MP Company, which provides security and law enforcement support, arrived in Iraq in January 2008.

During their deployment, the MPs conducted detainee operations at Camp Cropper in Baghdad, guarding both general-population detainees and high-value detainees, and transported more than 4,000 detainees.

They also assisted in the security and construction of a new detention facility in Taji, Iraq, which is the first purpose-built reconciliation facility in the country. It was designed to focus on education and vocational opportunities for detainees to help them reintegrate into society as productive citizens.

The 186th MP Company is one of most frequently deploying units in the Iowa Guard. The company previously deployed to Iraq in 2003-04, Bosnia in 1995-96, and to the Persian Gulf in 1990-91 for Operation Desert Storm.

Representing the 186th MP Company are CPT James Grimaldi and 1SG Dean Kennebeck.

In February 2008, approximately 90 soldiers from the 109th Medical Battalion departed Iowa for the Sinai Peninsula, Egypt, as part of the Multinational Force Observer Mission, where they provided command and control to various units for logistics, medical, aviation, and explosive ordnance removal support to 11 MFO contingents. The mission of the MFO is to supervise the implementation of the security provisions of the Egyptian-Israeli Treaty of Peace and to employ best efforts to prevent any violation of its terms.

Representing the 109th Medical Battalion are LTC Joel Harris and Command Sergeant Major Randy Osweiler.

In February of 2007, three Embedded Tactical Training Teams consisting of 50 personnel mobilized from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team for duties in Afghanistan, where they deployed to provide advanced combat training to the Afghan National Army and National Police.

Team members mentored Afghan National Army leaders on improving overall unit readiness and conducting counter-insurgency operations, with a focus on operations that separated enemy elements from the civilian populations, achieved results with local Afghan National Security Forces in the lead, and set conditions for reconstruction and economic development.

Representing the 2nd Brigade Embedded Training Team are COL Tom Staton and Staff Sergeant Matt Smith.

As I have said, our soldiers and airmen have served all over the world. And no matter where they go, one thing is for certain – they leave the place a little better than they found it. With less than a week to plan, train, and deploy, we sent 1,000 Iowa National Guard soldiers and airmen to Washington, D.C., to help provide security during the 56th Presidential Inauguration.

And what happens when you put 1,000 Iowans in the middle of 1.5 million people? They find a way to make a difference. Each one of these soldiers and airmen did a remarkable job and served as tremendous ambassadors for our state.

Yet one group of young men stands out. They didn't do the minimum. They did what Iowans always do – they went that extra mile, and for their efforts they earned the respect and admiration of a grateful family.

Major General Dardis read the following letter:

Dear Major General Dardis:

I am writing to commend SPC Scott Smith, SPC Kenneth Wailes, SPC Michael Freise, LT William Speicher, and SPC Philip Weirather, from Troop A in Des Moines for their compassionate assistance in returning our lost son to us on January 20, 2009, Inauguration Day, in Washington, D.C.

That day, my 13-year-old daughter Kristen, 11-year-old son Eric, and I were on the grounds near the Washington Monument to observe the swearing-in ceremony of President Barack Obama. Eric became separated from my daughter and I at the end of the speech and started looking for us on the Mall. After about two and one half hours of being separated from Eric, I received a phone call from an inspector with the Federal Protective Service Police, who had our son Eric with him – safe and warm. The inspector told me members of the Iowa National Guard, working at Connecticut Avenue and N Street, stopped his marked vehicle to inquire whether he could contact me and return my son to me.

Upon being reunited, Eric told my husband and me that when he saw the soldiers – your National Guardsmen – he decided he could trust them because they were “soldiers and I knew I would be safe.” Eric’s instincts were right. Eric tells us the soldiers talked with him, took him into a coffee shop to keep him warm, and stayed with him until they could find someone who knew Washington and could reunite Eric with his family.

I will be forever thankful to the Iowa National Guard and to the Federal Protective Service Police inspector who demonstrated such compassion for my son – who was very scared and nervous. Chances are I will never meet SPC Scott Smith, SPC Kenneth Wailes, SPC Michael Freise, LT William Speicher, and SPC Philip Weirather, and am therefore writing you to ask you share my heartfelt appreciation for their willingness to help and protect our son.

Having been reunited as a family, we now tell Eric that he will have to some day join the Iowa National Guard, to “pay forward” the kindness he was shown. If he ever does, we hope he will mirror the character of the members of Troop A in Des Moines. In our family, they will forever be remembered as role models of leadership and compassion.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Folkerts

Whether standing watch on the streets of Washington, D.C., building sandbag levies along the Mississippi river, or helping train the Afghan Army, the men and women of your Iowa National Guard embody the spirit of service we all seek.

Last year marks the first time since 2003 that the Iowa National Guard has not suffered any combat-related deaths in Iraq or Afghanistan. Thankfully, I have no new Gold Star Families to present to you this morning. And as we continue to deploy soldiers and airmen into harm’s way, we pray that this trend continues.

We will be forever grateful to the families of our 20 Iowa National Guard Gold Star Families who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their state and nation. Our hearts go out to the families of our fallen heroes, and our prayers will be with them always. God bless our fallen heroes and may they never be forgotten.

However, there is one very special group of soldiers that I would like you to meet whose sober duty is to help us honor and pay tribute to our fallen comrades in arms –

both those lost in service to their state and nation as well as our veterans who are leaving us at an ever-increasing rate.

These soldiers are charged with the solemn duty of providing military funeral honors. These honors are one small way of showing our country's eternal gratitude we have for those who have faithfully defended our state and nation.

These soldiers perform their duties with professionalism and unbridled respect. They spend countless hours preparing and rehearsing to make sure their movements and actions are carried out in perfect harmony. Death respects no calendar and is not deterred by inclement weather or busy schedules. And neither are these soldiers.

When we are preparing for a long holiday weekend or a vacation with our families, these soldiers are polishing their shoes, pressing their uniforms, and practicing their movements. The Iowa National Guard is extremely proud of the work these soldiers do throughout our state.

Representing more than 150 dedicated military funeral honors soldiers across the Iowa Army National Guard are:

- SFC Paul D. Ramirez, 209th Med Co
- PFC Jeffrey R. Gifford, 1/113th RSTA
- SSG Paul E. Brisbois, 334th BSB
- SPC Nathan F. Conlon, 1/194th FA
- SSG Scott A. VanWyk, 734th RSG
- SGT Peter G. Moeller, 209th Med Co
- SGT J. V. Winkowski, Co C 1-133rd Inf Bn

There is another group of individuals I'd like you to meet. These men and women are unique and special in so many ways, yet perhaps what sets them apart – aside from their kilts of course – is their deep love and respect for our men and women in uniform.

The MacKenzie Highlanders have performed at sendoffs and homecomings for our units and at the funerals of our fallen heroes.

- Steve Layton
- Steve and Paula Moeckley
- Jim Jorgensen
- Bobby Mohr
- Ron Husted
- Duff McFadden

They volunteer their time and talents to add something special to these occasions – their unique gift of music. I've been told that the sound of their pipes is often the one lasting memory that many have of these events. They seek no pay or special accommodations, simply the honor of performing their craft in tribute to our men and women in uniform.

They have become an important part of the Iowa Guard team.

2009 has been declared the year of the Non Commissioned Officer. Our NCOs have evolved over time. Some may recall a notorious gruff sergeant, with the ability to instill fear in to the hearts of even the hardest of men, charging forward fearlessly, and continuously bellowing orders.

Today, our NCOs are the warriors, the leaders, the trainers, and the caretakers – they take care of the soldiers they lead, from ensuring the best training, the best support – to giving comfort when tragedy strikes – consoling a soldier and his family.

The NCO is strong and courageous, a fearless fighter, and yet a father, a mother, a son, a daughter, who cares deeply about family and community.

They are the backbone of your Iowa National Guard. We could not succeed without them. The strength, courage, and character of our NCOs are legendary. We are indeed fortunate to have such true professionals in our ranks. And while we take time this year to recognize the significant accomplishments they make to our organization, we

realize that in order for us to accomplish our mission, every year is the year of the NCO.

Representing the NCO Corps of the Iowa Army and Air National Guard are Command Sergeant Major Doyle Norris and Command Chief Master Sergeant Gary Garland.

As I conclude my comments, I want to begin by thanking the men and women of the Iowa National Guard who have contributed to our success these past ten years. We succeeded because we approached our many challenges not as individuals or separate organizations but as one team – the Iowa Guard team.

Teamwork is the foundation of my command philosophy, and as I strongly believe, the foundation of our success. So I thank each of them for being a team player and for being a valued member of the Iowa Guard team.

Together, we have made history in the Iowa National Guard. Just as our ancestors did during the Civil War and World War II, we answered our nation's call to duty with honor and distinction.

We trained and mobilized thousands of soldiers and airmen. We've transformed nearly all of our Army National Guard units and undergone major conversions throughout the Iowa Air Guard.

We've closed and consolidated armories where needed and expanded and built new facilities to maintain strength and readiness. We've responded to natural disasters here at home and across the country. We've trained for challenging exercises and prepared for difficult inspections. We've made hard decisions now in order to position the organization for future success.

The Iowa Guard team has earned a well-deserved reputation for accepting challenging missions and achieving remarkable results. This is the legacy of our organization. This is the legacy of your Iowa Guard. As I prepare to relinquish command to COL Tim Orr, I leave knowing that your Iowa Guard will continue to build on this legacy and that it will remain mission focused and warrior ready.

I'm confident soldiers and airmen will serve COL Orr with the same degree of professionalism and dedication that they provided to me. The Iowa National Guard is not about one person or one position. It is about the people who serve in her ranks. And after more than 42 years of serving among them, I know there are no more finer citizens than the thousands of Iowa National Guard soldiers and airmen who proudly wear the uniform.

Thank you for your hard work, your commitment, your dedication, and for continuing to set the pace for the Iowa team.

Again, I thank you for the invitation to come before you today.

God bless you and your families, and God bless our soldiers and airmen serving in harm's way.

Major General Ron Dardis was escorted from the House chamber by the committee previously appointed.

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

Representative McCarthy moved that the joint convention be dissolved, which motion prevailed by a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Gronstal, the Senate adjourned at 10:47 a.m. until 8:45 a.m., Thursday, February 19, 2008.

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 HUMAN RIGHTS

Deaf Services Commission of Iowa Biennial Report for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, pursuant to Iowa Code section 216A.116. Report received on February 18, 2009.

Division of Latino Affairs Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, pursuant to Iowa Code section 216A.17. Report received on February 18, 2009.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

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

Andrew Allen, Huxley—For being inducted into the Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame. Senator Olive (2/18/09).

Blake Breitsprecher, Ossian—For his service to our country. Senator Wilhelm (2/18/09).

Nicholas DeBuhr, Cedar Falls—For achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, Troop 55. Senator Dotzler (2/18/09).

Johnathan Erb, Waukon—For achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, Troop 64. Senator Wilhelm (2/18/09).

Lillian Kunz, Davenport—For celebrating her 90th birthday. Senator Seng (2/18/09).

Amanda Lansing, Fort Atkinson—For her service to our country. Senator Wilhelm (2/18/09).

Effie Morris, Waterloo—For celebrating her 90th birthday. Senator Dotzler (2/18/09).

Herbert and Marjorie Nelson, Atlantic—For celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Senator Boettger (2/18/09).

Gladys Reisinger, Waterloo— For celebrating her 90th birthday. Senator Dotzler (2/18/09).

Jessica Stakey, Kamrar—For receiving a Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Senator Olive (2/18/09).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

AGRICULTURE

Convened: Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 11:15 a.m.

Members Present: Fraise, Chair; Olive, Vice Chair; Johnson, Ranking Member; Appel, Behn, Boettger, Courtney, Hahn, Hancock, Kapucian, Kibbie, Rielly, Seng, and Sodders.

Members Absent: Black (excused).

Committee Business: Approved [SSB 1113](#).

Adjourned: 11:40 a.m.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

Convened: Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 4:10 p.m.

Members Present: Stewart, Chair; Olive, Vice Chair; Houser, Ranking Member; Beall, Dandekar, Dotzler, Hamerlinck, Hatch, Heckroth, Kapucian, Reynolds, Rielly, Schmitz, Wieck, and Wilhelm.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: Presentation by the vice chairman of the Generation Iowa Commission. Approved [SSB 1084](#), as amended.

Adjourned: 4:50 p.m.

EDUCATION

Convened: Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 1:05 p.m.

Members Present: Schmitz, Chair; Schoenjahn, Vice Chair; Boettger, Ranking Member; Appel, Beall, Dvorsky, Feenstra, Hamerlinck, Heckroth, Kreiman, Quirnbach, Sodders, and Wilhelm.

Members Absent: Johnson and McKinley (both excused).

Committee Business: Presentations by the Oelwein Superintendent and the President of Northeast Iowa Community College.

Adjourned: 2:00 p.m.

JUDICIARY

Convened: Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 2:05 p.m.

Members Present: Kreiman, Chair; Hogg, Vice Chair; Kettering, Ranking Member; Boettger, Fraise, Hancock, Horn, Jochum, Noble, Quirmbach, Schoenjahn, Soddors, Ward, Warnstadt, and Zaun.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: Approved SSBs 1062, 1081, 1124, 1170, and 1173.

Adjourned: 2:45 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION

Convened: Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 3:05 p.m.

Members Present: Rielly, Chair; Beall, Vice Chair; Noble, Ranking Member; Dandekar, Hahn, Hancock, Heckroth, McCoy, Reynolds, Warnstadt, and Zaun.

Members Absent: Danielson and Kapucian (both excused).

Committee Business: Road funding presentation by the Iowa State University Department of Economics.

Adjourned: 3:55 p.m.

WAYS AND MEANS

Convened: Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 5:10 p.m.

Members Present: Bolkom, Chair; McCoy, Vice Chair; Zaun, Ranking Member; Bartz, Dandekar, Dotzler, Feenstra, Hamerlinck, Quirmbach, Schmitz, Seng, Stewart, and Ward.

Members Absent: Hogg, Houser, Jochum, and Wilhelm (all excused).

Committee Business: Presentations by the Department of Revenue.

Adjourned: 6:05 p.m.

**APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION,
INFRASTRUCTURE, AND CAPITALS**

Convened: Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 10:10 a.m.

Members Present: McCoy, Chair; Warnstadt, Vice Chair; Seymour, Ranking Member; Beall and Hamerlinck.

Members Absent: None.

Committee Business: Presentations by the Blank Park Zoo Foundation, the Department of Public Defense Military Division, and the Iowa National Guard.

Adjourned: 11:10 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

[Senate Joint Resolution 4](#), by Hamerlinck, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa restricting the expenditure of revenues resulting from the state sales and use tax rate increase for school infrastructure purposes.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

[Senate File 176](#), by committee on Commerce, a bill for an act allowing the waiver of certain administrative penalties for late annual reports concerning cemetery and funeral merchandise, and funeral services, upon a showing of good cause or financial hardship and providing an immediate effective date.

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

[Senate File 177](#), by committee on Education, a bill for an act relating to requirements for school districts providing transportation to students participating in open enrollment.

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

[Senate File 178](#), by committee on Judiciary, a bill for an act relating to a private cause of action for certain consumer fraud violations.

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

[Senate File 179](#), by Bolckcom, a bill for an act providing for a pilot project supporting high-quality child care for low-income children.

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

[Senate File 180](#), by Kettering, a bill for an act relating to exemptions from the prohibitions of the smokefree air Act for bars and restaurants under certain conditions.

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

[Senate File 181](#), by Appel, Stewart, Schmitz, Quirnbach, Dotzler, Dearden, Fraise, Kibbie, Soddors, Ragan, Jochum, Rielly, Schoenjahn, Kreiman, and Bolckcom, a bill for an act establishing campaign contribution limits for candidates for statewide office or the general assembly and making civil and criminal penalties applicable.

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

[Senate File 182](#), by Bolckcom, a bill for an act relating to restrictions on the use of fertilizer containing phosphorus on turf and making a penalty applicable.

Read first time under Rule 28 and referred to committee on **Environment and Energy Independence**.

[Senate File 183](#), by Olive, Dotzler, and Wieck, a bill for an act relating to property assessment and taxation by creating a recreational class of property.

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

[Senate File 184](#), by Bolkcom, a bill for an act providing for inclusion of annual utility costs in information required to be disclosed prior to a transfer of real estate.

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

[Senate File 185](#), by committee on Judiciary, a bill for an act relating to scrap metal transactions, prohibiting certain sales, and imposing criminal penalties.

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

[Senate File 186](#), by committee on Veterans Affairs, a bill for an act concerning preferential hiring treatment by government for veterans.

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

[Senate File 187](#), by committee on Natural Resources, a bill for an act providing for the issuance of special deer hunting licenses to residents who are nonambulatory.

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

[Senate File 188](#), by Schoenjahn, a bill for an act concerning the sale of beer and wine by native wineries and breweries.

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

[Senate File 189](#), by Black, a bill for an act to require the department of veterans affairs to conduct a study concerning the restoration and maintenance of the medal of honor memorial for the state of Iowa.

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

[Senate File 190](#), by Bolkom, a bill for an act prohibiting the use of handheld cellular telephones and other wireless communication devices by motor vehicle operators and providing a penalty.

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

[Senate File 191](#), by Danielson, a bill for an act providing for a disaster recovery tax credit and including a retroactive applicability date provision.

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

[Senate File 192](#), by Beall, a bill for an act concerning the inclusion of gender and certain racial and ethnic categories in reports issued by state agencies.

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

[Senate File 193](#), by Quirnbach, Danielson, Dotzler, Bolkom, Stewart, Beall, Schmitz, Heckroth, Olive, Appel, Kibbie, Black, Sadders, Schoenjahn, and Rielly, a bill for an act providing a sales tax exemption from the sale of new and used textbooks for postsecondary educational institution classes.

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

[Senate File 194](#), by committee on Economic Growth, a bill for an act relating to a sales tax exemption for the operation of nonprofit private performing arts centers and allowing a sales tax refund for construction of such centers.

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

STUDY BILLS RECEIVED

SSB 1218 **Local Government**

Concerning the appointment of members to local boards, commissions, committees, and councils.

SSB 1219 **Local Government**

Relating to county recorders by making changes to fees charged by the county recorder, information required to be endorsed on certain recorded documents and instruments, and standards for indexes maintained by the county recorder.

SSB 1220 **Rebuild Iowa**

Relating to disaster recovery by providing for historic preservation tax credits.

SSB 1221 **Rebuild Iowa**

Creating a disaster aid local government assistance grant program and fund.

SSB 1222 **State Government**

Concerning audits conducted by a licensee conducting pari-mutuel wagering and providing an effective date.

SSB 1223 **State Government**

Concerning audit and review functions of the auditor of state relative to governmental subdivisions.

SSB 1224 **State Government**

Relating to bidding requirements for public improvement projects completed by certain state entities.

SSB 1225 State Government

Concerning the authority of the department of administrative services relative to existing leases on real property acquired by the department.

SSB 1226 State Government

Relating to the disposition of proceeds from the sale of state personal property.

SSB 1227 Appropriations

Relating to and making appropriations to the judicial branch.

SSB 1228 Appropriations

Relating to and making transportation and other infrastructure-related appropriations to the department of transportation, including allocation and use of moneys from the road use tax fund and the primary road fund.

SSB 1229 Appropriations

An act providing for the implementation of an essential records project and making an appropriation.

SSB 1230 Appropriations

Appropriating federal funds made available from federal block grants and other federal grants, allocating portions of federal block grants, and providing procedures if federal funds are more or less than anticipated or if federal block grants are more or less than anticipated.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**Senate Joint Resolution 3**

STATE GOVERNMENT: Horn, Chair; Black and Feenstra

[Senate File 168](#)

ECONOMIC GROWTH: Dandekar, Chair; Dotzler and Reynolds

[Senate File 171](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Black, Chair; Feenstra and Horn

[Senate File 172](#)

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY INDEPENDENCE: Bolkcom, Chair; Hogg and Ward

[Senate File 174](#)

AGRICULTURE: Olive, Chair; Black and Johnson

[Senate File 175](#)

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY INDEPENDENCE: Black, Chair; Behn and Stewart

[Senate File 180](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Kibbie, Chair; Dearden and Seymour

[Senate File 181](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Appel, Chair; Hartsuch and Sadders

[House File 233](#)

EDUCATION: Wilhelm, Chair; Hamerlinck and Heckroth

[House File 280](#)

JUDICIARY: Horn, Chair; Noble and Quirnbach

[SSB 1212](#)

(Reassigned)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Quirnbach, Chair; Kreiman and Hamerlinck

[SSB 1218](#)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Quirnbach, Chair; Olive and Reynolds

[SSB 1219](#)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Rielly, Chair; Houser and Kreiman

[SSB 1220](#)

REBUILD IOWA: Stewart, Chair; Dvorsky and Hamerlinck

[SSB 1221](#)

REBUILD IOWA: Appel, Chair; Hamerlinck and Jochum

[SSB 1222](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Horn, Chair; Dearden and Seymour

[SSB 1223](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Danielson, Chair; Black and Feenstra

[SSB 1224](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Sodders, Chair; Danielson and Wieck

[SSB 1225](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Sodders, Chair; Danielson and Wieck

[SSB 1226](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Sodders, Chair; Danielson and Wieck

[SSB 1227](#)

APPROPRIATIONS: Dvorsky, Chair; Hancock and Noble

[SSB 1228](#)

APPROPRIATIONS: Dvorsky, Chair; Kettering and McCoy

[SSB 1229](#)

APPROPRIATIONS: Dvorsky, Chair; Danielson and Kettering

[SSB 1230](#)

APPROPRIATIONS: Dvorsky, Chair; Hatch and Johnson

FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS OF BILL ACTION

COMMERCE

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 176 \(SSB 1162\)](#), a bill for an act allowing the waiver of certain administrative penalties for late annual reports concerning cemetery and funeral merchandise, and funeral services, upon a showing of good cause or financial hardship and providing an immediate effective date.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 14: Warnstadt, Heckroth, Wieck, Behn, Bolkcom, Courtney, Dandekar, Hartsuch, Kettering, Olive, Rielly, Schmitz, Stewart, and Ward. Nays, none. Absent, 1: McCoy.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

Bill Title: *[SENATE FILE 194 \(SSB 1084\)](#), a bill for an act relating to a sales tax exemption for the operation of nonprofit private performing arts centers and allowing a sales tax refund for construction of such centers.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 15: Stewart, Olive, Houser, Beall, Dandekar, Dotzler, Hamerlinck, Hatch, Heckroth, Kapucian, Reynolds, Rielly, Schmitz, Wieck, and Wilhelm. Nays, none. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

*Pursuant to Senate Rule 40, the Legislative Services Agency reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Economic Growth Committee on [Senate File 194](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

EDUCATION

Bill Title: *[SENATE FILE 177 \(SSB 1175\)](#), a bill for an act relating to requirements for school districts providing transportation to students participating in open enrollment.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 13: Schmitz, Schoenjahn, Boettger, Appel, Beall, Dvorsky, Feenstra, Hamerlinck, Johnson, Kreiman, Quirnbach, Soddors, and Wilhelm. Nays, none. Absent, 2: Heckroth and McKinley.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

*Pursuant to Senate Rule 40, the Legislative Services Agency reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Education Committee on [Senate File 177](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

JUDICIARY

Bill Title: *[SENATE FILE 178 \(SSB 1037\)](#), a bill for an act relating to a private cause of action for certain consumer fraud violations.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 10: Kreiman, Hogg, Fraise, Hancock, Horn, Jochum, Quirnbach, Schoenjahn, Soddors, and Warnstadt. Nays, 5: Kettering, Boettger, Noble, Ward, and Zaun. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

*Pursuant to Senate Rule 40, the Legislative Services Agency reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Judiciary Committee on [Senate File 178](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

ALSO:

Bill Title: *[SENATE FILE 185](#) (formerly [SF 78](#)), a bill for an act relating to scrap metal transactions, prohibiting certain sales, and imposing criminal penalties.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 15: Kreiman, Hogg, Kettering, Boettger, Fraise, Hancock, Horn, Jochum, Noble, Quirnbach, Schoenjahn, Soddors, Ward, Warnstadt, and Zaun. Nays, none. Absent, none.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

*Pursuant to Senate Rule 40, the Legislative Services Agency reported nonsubstantive changes to the members of the Judiciary Committee on [Senate File 185](#), and they were attached to the committee report.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 187 \(SSB 1174\)](#), a bill for an act providing for the issuance of special deer hunting licenses to residents who are nonambulatory.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 12: Dearden, Hancock, Hahn, Bartz, Black, Bolkcom, Fraise, Johnson, Kettering, Noble, Ragan, and Seng. Nays, none. Absent, 1: Schoenjahn.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 186 \(SSB 1148\)](#), a bill for an act concerning preferential hiring treatment by government for veterans.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Ayes, 10: Beall, Warnstadt, Black, Danielson, Hartsuch, Kibbie, Noble, Ragan, Soddors, and Wieck. Nays, none. Absent, 1: Seymour.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

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