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Hall of the House of Representatives
Des Moines, Iowa, Thursday, January 11, 2024

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 8:31 a.m., Speaker Grassley in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Graber of Lee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Naomi Templeman, Majority Leader's Page from Dallas Center.

The Journal of Wednesday, January 10, 2024, was approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

[House File 2030](#), by Jones and Osmundson, a bill for an act establishing the advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement competitive grant program within the department of education and making appropriations.

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

[House File 2031](#), by Stoltenberg, Cisneros, Osmundson, Determann, Sherman, Hayes, Henderson, Kniff McCulla, Golding, Fisher, and Dieken, a bill for an act incorporating provisions related to pregnancy and fetal development into the human growth and development and health curriculum provided by school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools to students enrolled in grades one through twelve.

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

[House File 2032](#), by Kurth, a bill for an act allowing school districts to use the district management levy for cybersecurity costs.

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

[House File 2033](#), by Ingels, a bill for an act establishing the interstate teacher mobility compact.

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

[House File 2034](#), by Fry, a bill for an act providing for an exemption from the state fire code for certain buildings in which students exempt from school standards are educated.

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

[House File 2035](#), by Best, a bill for an act providing sales and use tax refunds on the sales price of materials, equipment, and services used in the performance of a written construction contract with a nonprofit hospital, and including applicability provisions.

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

[House File 2036](#), by Collins, a bill for an act relating to the disposition of unclaimed property held by banking or financial organizations, and gift certificates known as chamber bucks, and including retroactive applicability provisions.

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

[House File 2037](#), by Wulf, a bill for an act relating to motor vehicle window tint, and making penalties applicable.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Public Safety**.

[House File 2038](#), by Vondran, a bill for an act relating to initial appearance minimum bond amounts for certain criminal offenses.

Read first time and referred to committee on **Public Safety**.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Meggors of Grundy 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, Meggors of Grundy, Chair; Andrews of Polk and Croken of Scott.

The House stood at ease at 8:35 a.m., until the fall of the gavel.

The House resumed session at 9:55 a.m., Speaker Grassley in the chair.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Meggors of Grundy, 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 members of the Senate.

The Senate 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 103](#), duly adopted, the Joint Convention was called to order at 9:57 a.m., Senate President Sinclair presiding.

Senator Whitver of Polk 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.

Senate President Sinclair announced a quorum present and the Joint Convention duly organized.

Senator Whitver of Polk moved that a committee of six, consisting of three members from the Senate and three members from the House of Representatives, be appointed to escort Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg to the House chamber for the Condition of the Iowa National Guard Message.

The motion prevailed and the Senate President appointed as such committee Senators Costello of Mills, Kraayenbrink of Webster and

Trone Garriott of Dallas on the part of the Senate, and Representatives Harris of Appanoose, Hora of Washington and Cooling of Linn on the part of the House.

Senator Whitver of Polk moved that a committee of six, consisting of three members from the Senate and three members from the House of Representatives, be appointed to escort Adjutant General Stephen Osborn to the House chamber for the Condition of the Iowa National Guard Message.

The motion prevailed and the Senate President appointed as such committee Senators Dickey of Jefferson, Dawson of Pottawattamie and Giddens of Black Hawk on the part of the Senate, and Representatives Graber of Lee, Vondran of Scott and Cahill of Marshall on the part of the House.

Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Naig; Auditor of State, Rob Sand; Secretary of State, Paul D. Pate; Treasurer of State, Roby Smith; and Attorney General, Brenna Bird, were escorted into the House chamber.

Major General Osborn's family was escorted into the House chamber.

The committee previously appointed waited upon Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg and escorted him into the House chamber.

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

Senate President Sinclair presented Major General Osborn, Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard.

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

CONDITION OF THE IOWA NATIONAL GUARD MESSAGE

Good morning ladies and gentlemen, thank you Speaker Grassley and President Sinclair for the invitation to be here and speak with you today.

Lieutenant Governor Gregg, distinguished members of the Iowa General Assembly, state officials, and my fellow Iowans.

It is truly a privilege for me to speak to this dignified body and share with you the major events and accomplishments of our Iowa National Guard. Today, I want to address our unwavering commitment to people, readiness, modernization, and communication.

This is my first time standing before you as the Adjutant General, representing the nearly nine thousand men and women of the Iowa National Guard, and I am truly honored to lead this organization. This is not a position I ever envisioned when I joined the Army 40 years ago. Like many Soldiers, I enlisted into the military for multiple reasons, including the fact that military service runs deep in my family.

I am the grandson of a farmer from Eastern Iowa who was drafted and deployed to France in World War I, as part of the Army's 88th Division, and came back to work his farm once again. I am the son of a father who was a United States Marine and served in Korea at the tail end of the Korean War. They both influenced and instilled in me a calling to serve.

I ultimately joined the military because of the college benefits, but it was the experiences, leadership skills, and opportunities I gained that has kept me here all these years.

And now as the leader of the Iowa National Guard, as I have advanced in rank and age, I have seen the impact the Guard can have on people. Those willing to sacrifice for state and nation. We owe our Service Members every opportunity and benefit to take care of them and allow them to do their jobs.

We are very thankful for the strong support we receive from the members of this general assembly, from our Iowa Congressional delegation, the Governor's Office, and above all, from Iowans across this great state.

This past year you provided over \$16.6 million dollars in funding for infrastructure and over \$6.4 million dollars in Service Scholarships supporting 988 Soldiers and Airmen.

On behalf of the Iowa National Guard, I want to thank each of you for all you have done to assist in building a world class organization that is Always Ready to respond.

I want to publicly thank Governor Reynolds and Lieutenant Governor Gregg for their continued support of Iowans who serve or have served our nation and state in military service.

It is simply our people, the service members of the Iowa National Guard, our families, and our civilian employers who continue to sacrifice their time, talents, and resources that enable us to be Always Ready to respond whenever and wherever we are needed.

Today, I am proud to share with you the professionalism and commitment of our people over the past year, explain my priorities as the Adjutant General and lay out our vision for the future.

But I want to begin by letting you know who exactly we are. The Iowa National Guard - we are Iowans, serving Iowans from across this great state.

We are comprised of nearly 9,000 full-time, and part-time Soldiers and Airmen along with our civilian employees. Our roots come from each of Iowa's 99 counties.

Of those 9,000 members, more than 6,500 serve part-time with the Iowa National Guard as they attend school or work fulltime for other employers across the state.

Our full-time workforce includes more than 2,200 service members and civilians who work at one of our 36 armories, our 3 Army aviation facilities, our 13 Army Field Maintenance Shops, our 3 Air National Guard facilities, or on Camp Dodge.

We are a diversified force. Our service members range in age anywhere from 17 to 61 years old and our formations are comprised of multiple races, ethnic backgrounds, national origins, and religions.

We are your employees, your employers, your neighbors, your friends, and your loved ones – who choose to work and live in Iowa while serving our nation and state.

The uniqueness of the Guard is our dual role. We train and prepare for domestic operations here in the state of Iowa and federal operations around the world. For instance, we completed the U.S. Northern Command's VIGILANT GUARD training exercise this past August. This is the premier exercise for the National Guard that tests our ability to execute domestic operations here in the continental United States in conjunction with other state agencies and federal partners.

Our largest domestic operation this past year occurred in August when we sent 109 Soldiers to Texas, in support of Operation Lone Star, at Governor Reynolds direction. This task force, made up entirely of volunteers, was drawn from our Cavalry Squadron, one of our Infantry Battalions, and our Military Police Company.

We are also regularly mobilizing Iowa National Guard service members for Federal missions.

There was a day when the National Guard served simply as a Strategic Reserve, only called upon by the federal government in case of extreme emergency. Not anymore. The National Guard today is, and will continue to be, a fully capable and equipped Operational Reserve, and a partner in the broader military strategy to address our world's challenges.

We have proven our capabilities over this past year with multiple deployments including the 209th Medical Company and 1133rd Transportation Company's missions to Poland in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

The 831st Engineer Vertical Construction Company who is currently mobilized and deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Spartan Shield and providing critical infrastructure support throughout the CENTCOM region.

The 1034th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion who is currently mobilized and deployed supporting federal agencies on the southwest border.

And just last week, we mobilized and deployed members of 2nd Battalion 211th Aviation Regiment and the 186th Military Police Company to Kosovo as part of an ongoing multinational NATO peacekeeping mission providing safety, security, and stability for all citizens throughout Kosovo and the Balkans.

The men and women of our Air National Guard have been just as busy over the last year. Our Airmen supported federal missions throughout the world including Korea, Japan, Italy, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Greenland, and Germany on everything from cyber security to air refueling. Many of our Airmen also served at their home station, here in Iowa, while supporting missions all over the globe.

Standouts this past year include the 132d Wing in Des Moines where 109 Airmen from the 132d Wing Intelligence Group supported 7 different combatant commands with targeting analysis from both home station and deployed locations.

The 124th Attack Squadron piloted MQ9 remote piloted aircraft, conducting 262 combat missions over 3 different continents.

The 168th Cyber Operations Squadron mobilized over 40 Airmen for a duration of 6 months operating from the Des Moines Air Base and at locations abroad. These men and women supported operations across 3 different continents protecting critical networks and serving as a quick reaction force ready to perform cyber incident response.

The 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City performed air refueling missions around the world with over 2,152 flying hours encompassing 630 missions and off-loading 5 million pounds of aviation fuel to 717 aircraft.

The Iowa National Guard is truly a joint force, comprised of both Army and Air. Under my direction, the Iowa National Guard Joint Force Headquarters has undertaken the greatest transformation since its inception. We have accomplished this with a renewed focus on a balanced Army and Air approach and by appointing Colonel Mark Kappelmann as our first true fulltime Director of the Joint Staff.

This initiative is a reorganization that optimizes organizational efficiencies, leverages our human capital, and brings the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard into a more cohesive, joint team, without growing our force structure.

This reform also unburdens the Army Staff and affords them the opportunity to focus more time and attention on our deployable units and their domestic and warfighting missions.

This strategic management decision touches all aspects of the culture and performance of the Iowa National Guard. I expect the Joint Staff to reach full operational capability this year.

Within the Joint Staff, we are one of the first states in the nation to implement the Integrated Primary Prevention Workforce. This is the Department of Defense's answer to Congressionally mandated activities that provides new and additional resources to Sexual Assault Response and Prevention, Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy, and the public health prevention domains of Self-Directed Harm, Family Violence, and Workplace Violence.

To organize and manage this new capability the Prevention and Resilience Services Directorate was created.

This includes 14 new full-time civilian employees with 8 in primary prevention and 6 in sexual assault and victim advocacy services. This new directorate synchronizes existing

capabilities which support Service Members, their families, and the Families of the Fallen with a wide range of responsive resources.

In addition, our Prevention and Resilience Services team has begun coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services Public Health team to leverage existing resources and streamline the preventative services that our Service Members receive in their home county.

Ultimately, these long-term holistic efforts lay the groundwork to keep your Iowa National Guard ready to execute any State or Federal mission well into the future.

When I came into this role almost one year ago, I laid out four priorities for the Iowa National Guard: People, Readiness, Modernization, and Communication.

Our People are the foundation of our organization, and we must ensure they are developed, cared for, and resourced for success through engagement, mentorship, and planning.

Readiness entails recruiting, training, leading, and retaining Soldiers and Airmen. We must ensure our Service Members are ready to lead our formations, are competent in their technical skills, masters of their equipment, and will operate successfully as an individual or part of a unit to accomplish their mission.

We will continue to Modernize our forces and our infrastructure to meet the size, scope, and demand of the future requirements of our military.

We must Communicate by engaging not only our Soldiers and Airmen, but also the public we serve. We will continue to tell the story of who we are, show the professionalism of our organization, and counter any misunderstanding of military service that may exist.

(PEOPLE)

Everything we do truly starts with our People. Every one of our Soldiers and Airmen chose to raise their right hand and become a part of something bigger than themselves to serve both state and nation.

At this time, it is my honor to highlight a few people from our organization.

Soldiers like Specialist Nicole Duarte. Originally from Florida, her parents moved to Iowa for better opportunities. Coming from an immigrant family, Nicole was seeking the American Dream, but more importantly guidance for her life and future career. She was originally intrigued about the Guard while in high school and enjoyed the idea of being able to Serve while still having a civilian lifestyle. She wanted to become a nurse and found incredible training and a true family environment with our Brigade Medical Company on Camp Dodge. She now works full-time as a military medical trainer at the Sustainment Training Center located on Camp Dodge, training hundreds of medical soldiers from not just here in Iowa, but from all across the country. And in a continued effort to give back, she was one of the first people that supported the *Service to Citizenship Program* where people can serve to gain their citizenship.

Please help me in recognizing Specialist Nicole Duarte.

Another one of these Soldiers is Staff Sergeant Nick Darland, from Ankeny. Staff Sergeant Darland is a part-time Soldier with Bravo company 1347th Division Sustainment Support Battalion out of Knoxville.

He has been in the Guard for twelve years and was recently recognized for saving a co-worker's life at his full-time job in Peru, Iowa. In fact, Darland credits his training from the Iowa National Guard for having the skills to help, when an employee collapsed, suffering a massive heart attack. In this moment of crisis, Darland immediately starting lifesaving actions and kept this man alive until first responders arrived.

A true example of a hero, ladies and gentlemen Staff Sergeant Nick Darland.

A great example of a dedicated life of serving Iowans is our State Command Chief Master Sergeant Sarah Orwig. She is the first female Iowa Air National Guard Command Chief.

She has spent most of her career in the 185th Security Forces Squadron, where she served as the Chief of Security Forces and qualified as a Phoenix Raven, a higher level of qualification for security. She also serves as the District Representative for the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Iowa promoting the professional development and wellness of the enlisted force. Plus, in her full-time capacity she is a firefighter for her community of Sioux City.

Ladies and gentlemen State Command Chief Master Sergeant Sarah Orwig.

And lastly, I want to highlight two brothers in the Iowa National Guard who volunteered to support the Operation Lone Star mission at the southwest border. Both are Soldiers with the Iowa National Guard.

One of these brothers took time away from his full-time job and volunteered to deploy as a Soldier with Task Force Rio Bravo. The other brother, also a Soldier, deployed instead in his full-time capacity as a Special Agent with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation.

Ladies and Gentlemen Chief Warrant Officer 4 and State Senator Dan Dawson.

These are just a few examples of the exceptional individuals both part-time and full-time who make up the Iowa National Guard. They understand the opportunities and benefits of being a part of what makes this state and country great. We continue to seek out individuals who want to be a part of this team, so that we can keep our formations full and ready to respond to any mission.

I would also like to recognize that taking care of our people goes well beyond our Soldiers and Airmen. We recognize that military service also places significant demands and stress on families, friends, and loved ones. We owe them all an organizational culture that recognizes and values their contributions and sacrifices. Please join me in thanking those family members who also serve along with their Service Members.

(READINESS)

The reality is we live in a very volatile world. From strategic threats that impact our allies, partners, and interests abroad to protection of our critical infrastructure, networks, and communities here at home.

More than ever, we are focused on building the resiliency of our people and training them in challenging environments to maintain proficiency and responsiveness to the needs of our civilian leadership.

A key part of our readiness effort includes our partnership with the country of Kosovo as part of the Department of Defense State Partnership Program. This past year we conducted over a dozen joint events to increase our interoperability. We were able to execute the largest Hazardous Materials Training in our Iowa-Kosovo State Partnership history that included the 71st Civil Support Team, members of the Kosovo Security Force, and local Des Moines first responders.

In addition, Iowa Guardsmen joined our Kosovo Security Force partners in Defender Europe 2023, Europe's largest multi-national exercise involving 7,000 U.S. troops and 17,000 partner nation forces from over 20 countries.

The strength of this partnership has expanded beyond security cooperation to include civilian institutions and a greater partnership between Iowa and Kosovo as a whole.

I had the privilege of joining Governor Reynolds on her very first visit to Kosovo this past June, at the invitation of Kosovo President Osmani, with the visit reciprocated by the Kosovo President making her first trip to Iowa in October.

As we enter our thirteenth year of this partnership, we will continue to leverage this relationship to enhance the readiness of the Iowa National Guard and the Kosovo Security Force.

Training is also a key component of readiness. Training is a constant within the Iowa National Guard and 2023 saw many significant training events across our formations.

The 124th Attack Squadron designed and executed exercise Hawki Fury where they flew live fire training sorties for the first time out of the Des Moines Airbase with an unmanned MQ-9.

Members of 1st Battalion 133rd Infantry and 1st Battalion 194th Field Artillery participated in a demanding 28-day combat training center rotation at Fort Johnson, Louisiana.

Soldiers from the 294th Medical Company and 2nd Battalion 211th Aviation Regiment provided direct medical and medical evacuation support at Northern Strike, one of the largest Department of Defense annual joint and multi-national training exercises.

This year will be no different as we continue to train and build readiness across the Iowa National Guard.

For the Air Guard, this includes improving individual and unit capability through the execution of operations both within the framework of exercises and in real-world mission support.

These operations will take some of our airmen to locations around the world, however many of these missions are executed from their home duty locations right here in Iowa.

For the Iowa Army National Guard, the major event for 2024 is participation as the key training audience in an exportable combat training capability, or xCTC training exercise at Camp Ripley, Minnesota in August. Over half of the Iowa Army National Guard formations will directly participate in or support this exercise along with units from 5 other states. This collaborative training event is a significant stepping-stone in building ready units for their assigned capabilities and future missions.

These extensive exercises and support missions often necessitate additional duty days for many Soldiers and Airmen, requiring them to go beyond their normal 39 days of training a year. We realize these specialized opportunities place additional burden on the families and employers of our Service Members and we want to continue to thank them for their support and understanding.

We also want to recognize the great work of the volunteers with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, whose assistance helps to promote cooperation and understanding between Service Members and their civilian employers.

In addition to training...Readiness includes manning our formations. It is imperative for the readiness of our organization that we meet or exceed strength requirements.

Today, I am proud to say, the Iowa National Guard is at 99.5% of our required strength and ended 2023 with a retention rate of over 80%.

Since late 2021 however, our recruiting success has slowed, as we are dealing with the challenges that are being felt across the Department of Defense in respect to military recruiting. But as we continue to maneuver through this environment, we have experienced improvements over the last quarter, and we will continue to apply effort, energy, and resources to our recruiting and personnel readiness.

One of these efforts includes filling our recruiting ranks with professional Soldiers and Airmen who not only recruit but lead our young men and women with character and integrity.

In many areas across Iowa, our recruiting force is the face of the Iowa National Guard, and it is our objective to ensure our recruiters build trust, confidence, and partnerships within our communities.

We appreciate the openness of the schools and thank administrators who are willing to work with us as we educate young people about the opportunities to serve while still seeking career or educational goals in the state of Iowa.

(MODERNIZATION)

With the generous support of the Legislature through Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Funds, we continue to maintain and upgrade our facilities across the state.

This past year we have completed projects at Readiness Centers in Carroll, Mason City, Clinton, Storm Lake, Boone, Oskaloosa, Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Knoxville, and Muscatine.

On Camp Dodge in Johnston, this included upgrades to key utilities infrastructure on post as well as ongoing lifecycle renovations to our Joint Forces Headquarters, which in addition to the Iowa National Guard, hosts several other state agencies.

Your continued support of our facilities allows us to bring in matching federal dollars and provides the infrastructure needed to support Iowa and our Nation in times of need.

We broke ground this past year on our newest Readiness Center, located on Veterans Parkway in West Des Moines. This 24-million-dollar facility, 75% of which was funded by the federal government, is scheduled to open in the spring of 2025, with capacity for over 200 Soldiers and their equipment.

For the Iowa Air National Guard, the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City completed a 13-million-dollar federal renovation of their air crew operations building, which added new global communication capabilities and air-crew facilities while posturing for future missions.

Moving forward, our military construction priorities are focused on the multi-million-dollar capital improvements needed for the runway and ramp at the Sioux City Gateway Airport and 185th Air Refueling Wing.

Without these improvements we are at risk of losing the air refueling mission in Sioux City or being overlooked for future aeronautical missions.

We continue to educate, posture, and work with our Iowa Congressional delegation, National Guard Bureau, the Federal Aviation Administration, and our Siouxland partners to include the city of Sioux City, the Siouxland Chamber, and the Sioux City Gateway Airport to secure federal support and funding to posture the Wing for future and expanded capabilities.

Additionally, the Governors of Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota collectively signed a letter of support during the 2023 Tri-State Governor's Conference, supporting the Sioux City runway replacement.

As the Army and Air Force continue to modernize their force for future demands, we continue to communicate with the National Guard Bureau, Department of the Army, and Department of the Air Force regarding changes to mission and structure that may impact the Iowa National Guard. Our goal is to maintain our current size, provide a variety of opportunities for our Soldiers and Airmen, and remain relevant in the future military environment of 2030 and beyond.

(COMMUNICATION)

We have made communication a top priority by telling our story and being more integrated within our communities across the state. This past year we were involved in more community engagements than we have been in years. We continue to send the message that our doors are open, and you are always welcome to visit any of our readiness centers.

We invite everyone to come see firsthand the professionalism of our Service Members and gain a better understanding of the Iowa National Guard.

Last year we conducted community engagement events at various readiness centers across the state where we invited community leaders and businesses to join us to learn

more about their local unit and hear the incredible stories of their local Service Members and why they serve.

These events were held in Knoxville, Middletown, Boone, Waterloo, Storm Lake, and Carroll. This year we will be visiting Cedar Rapids, Mason City, Davenport, Dubuque, and Council Bluffs and we invite all of you to attend.

Another example of community engagement is the Innovative Readiness Training project completed in Woodbine this past year. This is a Department of Defense military training initiative that delivers joint training opportunities to increase deployment readiness while simultaneously providing key services such as health care, construction, transportation, or cybersecurity with lasting benefits for American communities. This training project provided hands on training for 30 Airmen with the Civil Engineering Squadron out of the 185th Air Refueling Wing, where they completed the construction of a new STEM classroom for the Woodbine school district.

And finally, as part of our continued communication efforts, we are very excited to share with the legislature our newest annual report magazine.

It's a visual summary that details our units, our activities, who we are, and the economic impact we have across the state.

This is another opportunity for us to tell the Iowa National Guard story. We have provided a copy of this for you at your desk.

Looking toward the future, we will continue to prioritize our people, ensuring they have the resources, training, and support they need to succeed.

We will maintain our commitment to readiness, constantly adapting and preparing for the challenges that lie ahead.

Modernization will remain a top priority as we strive to stay at the forefront of military capabilities, and we will continue to strengthen our communication channels, fostering a culture of collaboration and transparency.

We are truly blessed to live in a state where our men and women are willing to serve, willing to answer the call, and willing to support the needs of our State and Nation. It is a commitment carried forward by each one of our Soldiers and Airmen.

So let me again express my gratitude for your continued support.

It is your support that has allowed us to develop and grow the Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship into an incredible benefit for Iowans to gain a college education while serving in the Iowa National Guard.

And I look forward to working with you as we seek to modify the Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship and expand the reach of the current program to include greater credentialing and certification opportunities for our Service Members.

This modification is an opportunity for Iowa Guard Service Members to receive a post-secondary certificate or competency-based credentials with already approved state funding.

It has been my honor to present to you the Condition of the Guard. The Iowa National Guard is strong. I am confident that we will remain strong with our dedicated Soldiers, Airmen, and civilian employees...and we will continue to be ready for the next call.

We are your citizen Soldiers and Airmen who live here, work here, and serve this great state and nation.

God Bless our men and women in uniform, God Bless the great State of Iowa, God Bless the United States of America, thank you.

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

Lieutenant Governor Gregg was escorted from the House chamber by the committee previously appointed.

On motion by Windschitl of Harrison, the Joint Convention was dissolved at 10:42 a.m.

Speaker Grassley in the chair at 10:46 a.m.

STUDY BILL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

[H.S.B. 554](#) Commerce

Relating to the insurance commissioner's authority concerning insurance producers, business entity producers, and preneed sellers.

[H.S.B. 555](#) Commerce

Relating to public utilities, including energy production, public utility affiliates, and cable and video service.

[H.S.B. 556](#) Veterans Affairs

Modifying provisions related to the national guard service scholarship program and establishing the national guard service continuing education scholarship program.

STUDY BILL SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

[House Study Bill 506](#) Reassigned

Judiciary: Nordman, Chair; Jones and Scheetz.

House Study Bill 533 Reassigned

Judiciary: Kaufmann, Chair; Wilburn and Wills.

House Study Bill 546 Reassigned

Public Safety: Vondran, Chair; Dieken and Wessel-Kroeschell.

House Study Bill 554

Commerce: Lohse, Chair; Judge and Kniff McCulla.

House Study Bill 555

Commerce: Wilz, Chair; Bagniewski and Lohse.

House Study Bill 556

Veterans Affairs: Ingels, Chair; Golding and Isenhart.

On motion by Windschitl of Harrison, the House adjourned at 10:47 a.m., until 7:45 a.m., Friday, January 12, 2024.