

Believe it or not, the Iowa legislative session is now entering its final two weeks. With only 12 working days left, legislators are going to have to get busy if they want to finish on or before the April 22 adjournment date. Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal says they will be out sometime around April 18.

Only a handful of the 12 budgets legislators must finalize before they end the session have been drafted (and only 2 have been debated). And there are still plenty of bills sitting on the list of bills ready for debate.

This will be our last 'regular' update before the end of session - we will send out another one a few days after the legislature closes down for they year, and again 30 days following adjournment to catch you up on Governor's actions. However, we will send out Action Alerts as needed.

FINAL DEADLINE PASSES

The list of bills, while still long, is much shorter now after last week's "funnel" deadline. This is the last major deadline of the session. Among those casualties was our bill to dedicate \$100,000 of CAT funds to tourism marketing. Several legislators have told us they will try to put it in the Economic Development Budget, which has not yet been introduced.

BUDGET NEWS

Despite a looming national recession, Iowa's economy is looking good. The state got some good news today when new estimates were announced, predicting the state's revenues will have double digit growth this year.

State officials today increased the state's revenue outlook by \$127 million for the current and upcoming budget years. The change means the state will collect \$78.8 million more than expected (and more than spent) in the current fiscal year, and \$49.1 million more for the next fiscal year. In addition, the state has more money than ever before in its reserves (rainy day funds to be used in times of economic trouble). That means legislators will feel more comfortable spending money on things like health care reform and backfilling programs that have lost federal money (workforce development). Here is some of what is contributing to that double-digit growth this year:

- Personal Income (9.6%)
- Sales Tax (5.3%)
- Corporate Taxes (15.8%)
- Other Revenues (44.2%)

TIME-21 ACTION NEEDED

Iowa's transportation infrastructure is key to the tourism industry, and lawmakers are struggling with a solution. Time-21 is that solution - but lawmakers need a boost from the grassroots. *That's where you come in!*

Please take the time to respond to the ACTION ALERT we will be sending out today. We will be using our new voter voice system that will allow you to send messages easily and quickly to your legislators. Voter Voice (also called the "TFI Action Center") will automatically determine which legislators represent you at home and at work, allow you to add other legislators you may know, will customize your email with an automatic signature & salutation, and suggest text to send. All you have to do is modify the text as you wish, and click "Send." Please help us out by acting quickly to the alert!

BILL TRACKER

SIGNED INTO LAW

- **[HF 2194 - Minimum Wage Code Update](#)** - This bill replaces minimum wage requirement exemptions in the Code that are tied to the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. Currently, the Code adopts by reference exemptions to the federal Fair Labor Standards Act that were in place when Iowa's minimum wage law was enacted in 1989, but that were repealed from the United States Code on November 17, 1989. The federal provision allowed a retail or service establishment to pay employees engaged in certain services less than the federal minimum wage if more than 50 percent of the establishment's annual dollar volume of sales of goods or services is made in the state in which the establishment is located and 75 percent of whose annual dollar volume of sales of goods or services is not for resale. The bill provides that the state's minimum wage requirements do not apply to an enterprise whose annual gross volume of sales or business done, exclusive of excise taxes at the retail level which are separately stated, is less than \$300,000, unless the enterprise is engaged in the business of laundering, cleaning, or repairing clothing or fabrics; is engaged in construction or reconstruction; is engaged in the operation of hospitals, facilities serving the elderly or persons with mental or physical illnesses or disabilities, or educational institutions; or is a public agency. *Effective 7/1/2008.*

- **[SF 2059 - State Historical Society & Lost Items](#)** - Makes the State Historical Society responsible for administering the Iowa Heritage Fund. The bill also removes division III from Code chapter 304A, which contains an indemnification program for special exhibit items lost or damaged while on loan to nonprofit organizations or governmental entities in Iowa. *Effective 7/1/2008.*

SENT TO GOVERNOR

- **[HF 2580 - Sustainable Natural Resource Funding Advisory Committee](#)** - Establishes a Sustainable Natural Resource Funding Advisory Committee with membership including Ducks Unlimited, Sierra Club, Nature Conservancy, county conservation boards, Iowa Environmental Council, Farm Bureau, Iowa Farmers Union, Land Improvement Contractors Association, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, Iowa Rivers Revival, Izaak Walton League, and Pheasants Forever. Requires the Committee to study one or more sustainable sources of funding for natural resources and outdoor recreation needs in Iowa by January 9, 2009. Sunsets the Committee on 1/1/2010. *Effective 7/1/2008.*

- **[SF 2176 - Cultural Affairs Changes](#)** - Requires the Historical Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) create a digital collection of records for research purposes and make the collection available to the public. Requires DCA establish a statewide culture, history, & arts teams (CHAT) to coordinate cultural efforts. Clarifies that these teams are local organizations. Establishes a Civil War Advisory Committee to help the Historical Division plan a sesquicentennial commemoration of Iowa's role in the American civil war.

- **[SF 2380 - Low Head Dam Public Hazard Program](#)** - Establishes a water trails & low head dam public hazard program to develop a plan to compile a low head dam inventory, work with experts in a number of fields, develop recommendations for communities, recommend design templates for low head dams, and establishing priorities for water trails. Authorizes the department to contract with persons to assist in the development of the plan.

HOUSE BILLS

- **[HF 2080 - Donated Property for Conservation/Tax Credits](#)** - Gives people or companies who donate land for conservation a tax credit in the amount of 50% of the fair market value of the property, up to \$100,000. The credit may be carried forward for twenty years. *Effective 1/1/2008. Status: House Floor; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Rep. Frevert (Floor Manager)*

- **[HF 2112 - DNR Dam & Lake Restoration](#)** - Appropriates \$100,000 from RIF (gaming) for dam restoration and lake maintenance in Delaware County. *Status: House Appropriations Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Rep. Cohoon (Chair), Huseman & Reichert*

- **[HF 2130 - River Water Trail](#)** - Appropriates \$100,000 from RIF (gaming dollars) for infrastructure improvements for a river water trail

located in Jones County. *Status: House Appropriations Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Rep. Cohoon (Chair), Huseman & Reichert*

HF 2212 - Smokefree Air Act - Prohibits smoking in all public places, including workplaces, bars, restaurants and within 10 feet of school grounds. Also bans smoking within 10 feet of a place that is smoke-free. Exempts casinos and other gambling establishments. Requires the Department of Public Health to educate employers and the general public about this law via the Internet. FISCAL NOTE: State would lose nearly \$9 million each year in cigarette sales taxes and \$31.7 million each year in gambling dollars (of which \$100,000 is from tourism marketing funds, \$100,000 is from community cultural grants, \$100,000 from county endowment fund, \$1.4 million from cities and counties, and \$28.9 million from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund). The State would need to spend \$106,900 in FY09 and \$51,100 in FY10 to comply with marketing and educational requirements of the bill. *Status: Conference Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Sen. Appel (Co-Chair), Bolkcom, Dotzler, Wieck & Ziemann; Rep. T. Olson (Co-Chair), Petersen, Reasoner, Dolecheck & Soderberg (Conference Committee) Amendment: SENATE AMENDMENT: Removes the casino/gambling exemption. HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT: Allows smoking in any establishment with a liquor license.*

HF 2244 - Forest Reservation Exemption - This bill limits to 10 acres the amount of forest reservation for which a property tax exemption may be granted. The bill also provides that an owner of a forest reservation is limited to one forest reservation exemption in the county. The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to forest reservation exemptions granted before, on, or after the effective date. *Status: House Ways & Means Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Rep. Thomas (Chair), Deyoe & Quirk*

HF 2262 - Sales Tax Refund Districts - This bill permits cities to designate sales tax refund districts within their downtown areas where newly located retail businesses would be allowed to provide refunds of state sales tax. To designate an area as a sales tax refund district, a city would need to enact an ordinance delineating the boundaries of the area and specifying the length of time the district would be in existence, not to exceed 10 years. Only retail businesses locating in the sales tax refund district after the area was designated could get sales tax refunds. *Status: House Ways & Means Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Rep. Jochum (Chair), Schueller & Soderberg*

HF 2316 - Stone State Park Trail - Authorizes an appropriation for the development and completion of a recreational trail to be built from the entrance to Stone state park and continuing south along state highway 12 for a distance of one and one-eighth miles. The funding is appropriated from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund from funds not otherwise appropriated. *Status: House Appropriations Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Rep. Cohoon (Chair), Huseman & Reichert*

HF 2450 - DED Changes - This bill makes a number of changes affecting the administration of the department of economic development. The bill allows the DED director to appoint a designee to serve on the vision Iowa board and allows the DED to use funds from the renewable fuel infrastructure fund to market its renewable fuel programs. The bill limits the tax credits available to investors in film projects to 25 percent of a project's qualified expenditures in the state. The bill directs the department, in coordination with other state and local entities, to develop and market a new tourism program to create new, and promote existing, recreational and leisure opportunities in the state. The bill strikes a number of the department's existing reporting requirements and reconstitutes them instead under a different Code Section and standardizes the department's reporting requirements by providing for a single, consolidated annual report to the governor and the general assembly due by January 31 of each year. The bill allows the DED to contract with service providers for commercialization development services on a case-by-case basis, and it also authorizes the department to spend the additional moneys it recaptures from loan payments and federal economic stimulus funds provided it spends those moneys on the implementation of consultant recommendations for certain targeted industries. Requires reporting on targeted industries development financial assistance allocations and targeted small business procurements and certifications. *Status: House Floor Second Time; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Rep. Thomas (Floor Manager) Senate Amendment: Changes dates on reporting.*

HF 2516 - Property Tax Changes - Division I of the bill makes the assessment limitations of residential, agricultural, and commercial property mutually dependent by limiting the percentage increase in all of those classes of property to the percentage increase of that class of property that is the lowest percentage increase under the allowable (4 percent) limit. Division II of the bill requires that if an equalization order issued to an assessing jurisdiction that is a percentage increase in assessed values, then property taxes are limited to the amount certified in the previous year, unless the city or county adopts a resolution declaring that it does not intend to reduce its levy rates to compensate for the increase in valuation due to the equalization orders. Division III of the bill provides that if an increase in allowable growth causes an increase in property taxes the state shall pay that increase rather than property owners. *Status: House Ways & Means Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Not yet assigned*

HF 2539 - Health Care Reform - Declares the intent of the legislature to make progress toward all Iowans having health care insurance that meets certain criteria for quality and affordability, starting with children in 2011. This version does not include

mandates to carry health insurance. Requires the development and implementation of a health information technology system to improve quality and safety. Requires all health insurance plans to cover a person's unmarried dependent children until the age of 25 (or as long as they remain a student). Prohibits insurance companies from excluding pre-existing conditions, including pregnancy. Both of these provisions are effective 7/1/2008. Requires the Department of Public Health to develop a plan to provide a tax credit to small businesses that provide qualified wellness programs to improve the health of their employees. FISCAL IMPACT: Total fiscal impact is estimated at \$2.5 million annually. In addition, to fully fund legislative intent \$30.8 million is needed annually (\$21.4 million of which is needed to insure all children below 300% of the federal poverty level). *Status: Senate Floor; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Sen. Hatch (Floor Manager) - Placed on Unfinished Business Calendar Amendment: SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT TO [HF 2539](#): Blends the components of all three health care reform plans (Governor, Senate & House) into a single bill, includes mandate that parents insure their kids by 2011.*

[HF 2562 - TIME-21 Funding](#) - Successor to [HSB 628](#). This bill would generate funds for deposit into the TIME-21 Fund to be used for transportation infrastructure through a variety of fee increases and adjustments. The bill would capture revenue increases from registration fees and would raise registration fees on 2010 or newer pick-up trucks to rates similar to SUVs and minivans. "Business trade trucks" would be allowed to use a lower fee schedule and would require a IRS Schedule C or F form for proof. The bill would adjust fees and schedules for all passenger vehicles while ensuring that fees will not rise for a specific vehicle and owner until the owner changes vehicles. Fees for special trucks for farm use are increased, as well as title fees and salvage title fees. The bill also increases the fee charged for registration of trailers and contains several other changes. This bill would generate an estimated \$188 million by 2018. *Status: House Ways & Means Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Rep. Huser (Chair), Reasoner & Shomshor*

[HF 2620 - Elections/Voting Change](#) - Makes a number of changes to Iowa voting and elections laws, including clarifying which voters may vote on hotel/motel taxes. Only city residents will vote on these measures if the tax is imposed only in the city (and only county residents vote for taxes imposed only in the unincorporated areas). *Status: Senate Floor; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Sen. Appel (Floor Manager) Amendment: Placed on Unfinished Business Calendar*

[HF 2659 - Property Tax Reform](#) - This bill makes several changes to laws relating to property taxes, assessment of property, city and county budgets funded primarily by property taxes, and school district budgets funded primarily by state and local taxes. Division I of the bill makes several changes relating to local budgets and property taxes, including but not limited to: Requiring all state mandates to be fully funded, increases the regular program foundation base per pupil from 87.5 percent to 95 percent, and reduces the \$5.40 foundation levy to \$4.32. The division also provides that a school district cannot levy property taxes, other than foundation and additional property taxes, in excess of .25 percent of the taxable value of residential and agricultural property and .75 percent of commercial property and .5 percent of industrial property. The division contains transition provisions for tax levies for the next three fiscal years. The division also contains several other levy provisions and limitations, as well as rules pertaining to county ending fund balances. The division allows a city or a county to impose, by ordinance, a service charge against property located in the city or county, as applicable. The division increases from 50 percent to 75 percent the portion of base year expenditures paid by the state for mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities, removes the square footage tax on mobile homes and manufactured homes and replaces it with the ad valorem tax imposed on other residences. Division II of the bill, relating to assessment of property, provides that the sale price of property sold in the calendar year prior to the assessment year shall be presumed to be the market value of the property for that assessment year if the buyer and the seller were not immediate family members, as well as several other sections pertaining to county assessors, value of new construction, removal of assessment limitations and many other issues. Division III of the bill makes several changes to property tax credits and exemptions, including the homestead property tax credit, the military property tax credit, the elderly, disabled, and the low-income property tax credit. The division provides that any land in a forest reservation is exempt from school district levies only and requires the owner of land in a forest or fruit tree reservation to annually certify that proper management techniques are being followed. The division repeals the family farm property tax credit and the agricultural land property tax credit. Division IV of the bill establishes an implementation committee to study the effects of implementation of the bill and report to the general assembly. *Status: House Ways & Means Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Rep. Wise (Chair), T. Olson, Reasoner, Struyk & Van Fossen*

[HF 2662 - Agriculture/Natural Resources Budget](#) - Appropriates \$43.4 million for various agricultural and natural resources programs and initiatives (\$235,000 decrease). Increases funding for reimbursement of expenses incurred by Soil and Water Conservation Districts by \$150,000. Also makes appropriations from the Environment First Fund (a part of the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund - where gambling dollars are placed). Appropriates \$50,000 for the Iowa Climate Change Advisory Council created but not funded in [SF 485](#) (FY 2008 Greenhouse Gas Regulations Act). The funds will be used for meeting expenditures and related administrative costs. Increase Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund by \$500,000 (for a total of \$16 million). Decreases funding for Resource Conservation and Development Program by \$50,000 (shifted to general fund). Decreases funding for the Grape & Wine Development Fund by \$3,000 (\$280,000 total). Brings funding for the Loess Hills Development and Conservation

Authority back up to \$600,000 (an increase of \$20,000 to reinstate funds cut last fiscal year). Continues the \$500,000 Brownfields appropriation. *Status: House Floor; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Rep. Kuhn (Floor Manager)*

- **[HF 2663 - School Infrastructure Local Option \(SILO\)](#)** - This bill replaces the local option sales and services tax for school infrastructure purposes by increasing the state sales and use taxes from 5 percent to 6 percent, effective July 1, 2008. The increased use tax rate does not apply to the sale or lease of motor vehicles. The state sales and use tax rates are reduced from 6 percent to 5 percent on January 1, 2030. The increased state sales and use tax revenues are deposited into a new Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) fund to be distributed to all school districts. A statewide amount per pupil would be computed each fiscal year based upon the estimated amount that would have been generated by a 1 percent local sales and services tax divided by the combined enrollment of all school districts. Each district will receive an amount equal to the amount that it would have received under the formula if the local sales and services tax for school infrastructure was still imposed. The bill contains several related provisions. *Status: House Floor; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Rep. Reasoner (Floor Manager)*

- **[HF 2670 - Tax Code Updates](#)** - Requires privately owned libraries and art galleries to file a claim in order to receive a property tax exemption if the library or gallery is used for public purposes and not for private profit. *Status: House Floor; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Rep. Schueller (Floor Manager)*

- **[HSB 786 - Franchise, Sales TIF, Hotel/Motel](#)** - This bill provides that the amount of a city franchise fee may be based upon a percentage of gross revenues generated from sales of the franchisee within the city not to exceed 5 percent without regard to the city's cost of regulating the franchise. The bill allows franchise fees collected by the city to be credited to the city general fund and used for city general fund purposes and contains several related changes. The bill authorizes a city with a local option sales and services tax to establish by ordinance a sales tax increment financing (TIF) district for the purpose of dedicating and using the increase in the local sales and services tax revenues it receives from retail establishments in the district to pay the loans and bonds used to assist in the development of certain qualifying facilities located within such district. The bill increases the maximum local hotel and motel tax rate from the present 7 percent to 9 percent. *Status: House Ways & Means Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Rep. Shomshor (Chair), Reasoner & Sands*

SENATE BILLS

- **[SF 2001 - Sales Tax Exemption/Nonprofit Performing Arts](#)** - Exempts the sale of materials and services used in the operation of a nonprofit private performing arts center from state sales tax, and allows sales tax paid on construction materials to build a nonprofit private performing arts center to be refunded (applies to construction contracts signed on or after 1/1/2005). *Status: Senate Ways & Means Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Sen. Schmitz (Chair), Connolly & Ward*

- **[SF 2178 & HF 2585 Endow Iowa Tax Credit Increase](#)** - Increases the total annual tax credits allowed under the Endow Iowa program from \$2 million to \$3 million. Also reduces the annual percentage granted to an individual taxpayer from 5% to 3 1/3%. Also companion to [SSB 3057](#). House bill will receive new number soon. *Status: Senate Ways & Means Committee/House Ways & Means Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Sen. Stewart (Chair), Angelo & Dotzler; Rep. Thomas (Chair), Schueller & Wienczek*

- **[SF 2278 & HF 2239 Department of Education Omnibus/School Start Date](#)** - Makes a number of changes to the Department of Education policies and procedures. Senate version also includes a section (thanks to Sen. Putney) that reduces school aid to schools that start before August 25, unless they have received permission to have an innovative school calendar (year-round). Ends the school start date waiver. *Status: House Floor/House Floor; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Rep. Kelly (Floor Manager) Amendment: Placed on Unfinished Business Calendar*

- **[SF 2371 - DED Programs for Sac & Fox](#)** - This bill relates to economic development assistance for the Sac and Fox tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa located in Tama. Currently, the tribe is not eligible for programs administered by the DED. The bill makes the tribe eligible to apply for assistance from the community attraction and tourism program and the vision Iowa program. *Status: Senate Appropriations Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Sen. Dvorsky (Chair) & Kettering*

- **[SF 2389 - TIME-21 Funding](#)** - Successor to [SSB 3267](#). This bill contains several provisions which would generate revenues that could be deposited into the TIME-21 Fund for infrastructure. Division I of the bill would increase registration fees on all 2010+ model year cars and trucks and make truck registration fees based on weight and value like other vehicles are currently calculated. Division II would increase all classes of drivers license fees. Division III would increase title fees and salvage title fees. Division IV would increase

trailer registration fees. Division V would instruct the DOT to study the TIME-21 funding by FY 2011-2012 to determine whether a proper balance has been struck between Iowa drivers and out-of-state drivers. Division VI would replace the current use tax on vehicle purchases with a new registration fee which would be constitutionally protected from being diverted away from its intended purpose. This bill would generate an estimated \$192 million by 2018. *Status: Senate Ways & Means Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Sen. McCoy (Chair), Bolkcom & Putney*

- **SF 2394 - Transportation Budget** - Maintains current spending on transportation programs in the Department of Transportation, adds \$10 million to last year's appropriation for highways, and allows the highway appropriation to be carried forward into the next fiscal year. *Status: House Floor; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Rep. Cohoon (Floor Manager)*

- **SF 2397 - Sales Tax Rebate** - This bill creates a state sales tax rebate program in the department of economic development that authorizes select cities to receive a rebate of the state sales tax revenues collected from retail establishments located in the city. The program is limited to five cities that have a population of less than 40,000. The department of economic development makes the selection of cities from applications submitted to it. A select city must provide public or private match funds of \$1 for each \$2 of projected rebate moneys to be received. The rebate period is for three years. The rebate moneys are to be used by a select city for revitalization projects that involve the rehabilitation of and improvements to its mainstreet area. *Status: Senate Ways & Means Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Sen. Quirnbach (Chair), Bolkcom & Zieman*

- **SF 2402 - Tax Code Clean-Up** - Allows a privately owned library or art gallery being used for public purposes (and not for private profit) to receive a property tax exemption. Effective 7/1/2008. *Status: House Ways & Means Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Not yet assigned*

- **SSB 3168 - Rail Right-Of-Way for Trails** - This bill provides for a corporate tax credit for owners of railroad rights-of-way that grant easements to the department of transportation, a county, or a city for purposes of constructing and maintaining a recreational trail. The agreement must provide for the amount of tax credit which equals a percentage of the property taxes paid by the owner on the right-of-way. The agreement must also specify the number of years the owner is entitled to the tax credit. The tax credit is refundable. The bill applies retroactively to January 1, 2008, for tax years beginning on or after that date. *Status: Senate Ways & Means Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Sen. Dotzler (Chair), Seng & Putney*

- **SSB 3242 - Railroad Material Sales Tax Exemption** - This bill exempts the sales price of specific railroad materials from the state sales and use tax. The materials are railroad rails, spikes, ballasts, and bridge components. The materials must be sold to a railway corporation that is based in Iowa for installation of a railroad exclusively in Iowa. *Status: Senate Ways & Means Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Sen. Dotzler (Chair), Seng & Putney*

- **SSB 3243 - Local Income Surcharge** - This bill authorizes a city that is not part of a combined incorporated area to impose a local income surcharge after an election at which it is approved by a majority of those voting. A combined incorporated area is an area that includes all contiguous cities. The bill contains several provisions and stipulates that revenues would need to be deposited into a property tax relief fund for purposes of providing property tax credits, and the remaining revenues, if any, are to be deposited into the city general fund to be used for any lawful purposes of the city. *Status: Senate Ways & Means Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Sen. Quirnbach (Chair), McCoy & Angelo*

- **SSB 3273 - Public Safety Impact Fee** - This bill authorizes a city or county to impose by ordinance or resolution a public safety impact fee on each night of lodging rental within the jurisdiction of the city or county. The bill provides that any fee imposed by a city or county may not exceed \$1.50 per night. All fees collected under the bill shall be deposited in the appropriate city or county general fund and used only for purposes related to local emergency management departments. *Status: Senate Ways & Means Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Sen. Hogg (Chair), Stewart & Noble*

- **SSB 3294 & HSB 787 Education Budget** - Spends \$976 million on various education programs, an overall decrease of \$7.5 million. Includes a Baby Boom Generation Workforce Study, requiring the ISU Department of Sociology to look at current and potential efforts to retain baby boomer lowans (including community attractions, recreation, health/wellness opportunities and other quality of life measures). No funding is allocated for it and it is contingent upon money being available. *Status: Senate Appropriations Committee/House Appropriations Committee; Floor Manager/Subcommittee: Sen. Wood (Chair), Dvorsky, Connolly, Boettger & Kettering; Rep. Winckler (Chair), Oldson, Wenthe, Chambers & Raecker*

2008 Top Tourism Priorities

- ★ Increase the Iowa Tourism Office's budget to the Midwest regional average of \$8.3 million.
- ★ Maintain a traditional school year calendar.
- ★ Support infrastructure funding (Time 21).

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