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## AROUND THE CAPITOL

The Legislature finished floor work before 11 PM and with the Senate adjourning Sine Die shortly before midnight and the House shortly after, bringing the 89th General Assembly to a close.

Senator Whitver said that the 89th General Assembly will be regarded as one of the most productive and successful in history. Whitver said that legislators worked with the Governor to deal with the COVID pandemic with common-sense measures to keep schools open and to back the police. Senator Chapman said that he is proud of the accomplishments of the Senate the last two years and said that the Legislature has acted to protect the rights of Iowans. Speaker Grassley said the Legislature might be late in adjourning this year but had a successful session. He said that House Republicans moved important priorities forward by passing a flat tax bill, a biofuels bill, childcare provisions and reforms to the bottle bill.

Senator Wahls thanked the retiring members of his caucus for their “decades of dedicated public service to our state.” He said that Republicans failed to address the “the substantial economic headwinds facing our state: inflation, high gas prices, a formula shortage, and the ongoing Reynolds Workforce Crisis.” but said that the future for Iowa can be brighter. Representative Konfrst thanked Representative Windschitl and Speaker Grassley for working with Democrats and keeping focused on issues. She said “it’s been a long, difficult session” but said that she sees hope for the future after the Legislature did not approve private school scholarships because a majority of Iowans were opposed.

Legislators passed eighteen policy bills in addition to the budget bills. Most bills passed unanimously, but the Senate approved [HF 2298](#) **NO COVID IMMUNIZATIONS** on party-lines. The bill prohibits requiring a COVID immunization in order to enroll in childcare center, school or college or university prior to July 2029. Senator Schultz said that it is part of an effort to defend Iowans against mandates. Senator Bolkom said that it is dangerous to suggest that COVID vaccines are not effective in protecting Iowans.

The House approved [SF 581](#) **DEER REIMBURSEMENT** on a 56-34 vote; the Senate previously approved the bill unanimously. The bill started out as a reduction in reimbursement costs for illegally taking deer and ended with a number of other hunting provisions. Senator Rozenboom added a provision that would allow the use of semi-automatic rifles to take deer during the January hunting season. Rozenboom said that the purpose of the January season is to reduce the size of the deer herd. Representative Prichard said that range of semi-automatic weapons is too far and that the use of such weapons to hunt deer is dangerous.

## APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

AS OF TUESDAY MAY 24, 2022						
<a href="#">HF 2560</a>	AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES	Amended & Passed <b>House</b> 3.23	Amended & Passed <b>Senate</b> Committee 5.18	Amended & Passed <b>Senate</b> 5.23	Concurred & Passed <b>House</b> 5.23	to Governor
<a href="#">HF 2590</a>	ADMINISTRATION & REGULATION	Passed <b>House</b> Committee 5.23	<i>Withdrawn</i> 5.24			
<a href="#">SF 2385</a>		Passed <b>Senate</b> Committee 5.18	Passed <b>Senate</b> 5.23	<i>Sub for HF 2590</i> 5.24	Passed <b>House</b> 5.24	to Governor
<a href="#">HF 2564</a>	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Amended & Passed <b>House</b> 3.24	Amended & Passed <b>Senate</b> Committee 5.18	Amended & Passed <b>Senate</b> 5.23	Concurred & Passed <b>House</b> 5.24	to Governor
<a href="#">HF 2578</a>	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Amended & Passed <b>House</b> 4.5	Passed <b>Senate</b> Committee 5.18	Amended & Passed <b>Senate</b> 5.23	Concurred & Passed <b>House</b> 5.23	to Governor
<a href="#">HF 2575</a>	EDUCATION	Amended & Passed <b>House</b> 3.29	Passed <b>Senate</b> Committee 5.18	Amended & Passed <b>Senate</b> 5.23	Concurred & Passed <b>House</b> 5.23	to Governor
<a href="#">HF 2558</a>	JUDICIAL BRANCH	Amended & Passed <b>House</b> 3.22	Amended & Passed <b>Senate</b> Committee 5.18	Amended & Passed <b>Senate</b> 5.23	Concurred & Passed <b>House</b> 5.24	to Governor
<a href="#">HF 2559</a>	JUSTICE SYSTEMS	Amended & Passed <b>House</b> 3.22	Amended & Passed <b>Senate</b> Committee 5.18	Amended & Passed <b>Senate</b> 5.23	Concurred & Passed <b>House</b> 5.23	to Governor
<a href="#">HF 2579</a>	REBUILD IOWA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (RIIF)	Amended & Passed <b>House</b> 4.5	Amended & Passed <b>Senate</b> Committee 5.18	Amended & Passed <b>Senate</b> 5.23	Concurred & Passed <b>House</b> 5.23	to Governor
<a href="#">HF 2589</a>	STANDINGS	Passed <b>House</b> Committee 5.23	Amended & Passed <b>House</b> 5.24	<i>Sub for SF 2384</i> 5.24	Passed <b>Senate</b> 5.24	to Governor
<a href="#">SF 2384</a>		Passed <b>Senate</b> Committee 5.18	<i>Withdrawn</i> 5.24			
<a href="#">HF 2557</a>	TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE & CAPITALS	Amended & Passed <b>House</b> 3.22	Passed <b>Senate</b> Committee 4.13	Passed <b>Senate</b> 5.23	to Governor	

## PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

We will next publish on Friday, June 3, 2022, and again midweek after the June 7 election. Both the *Bulletin* and the *Bill Status Report* will publish weekly through the Governor's 30-day signing period which ends on June 24. After that we will shift to our interim publishing schedule for the *Bulletin*.

## TODAY IN THE LEGISLATURE

**Bills Signed by the Governor: (12)**

**Appropriations Bills to the Governor: (4)**

**Bills to the Governor: (18)**

**House Files: none (last introduced HF 2590)**

**House Study Bills: none (last introduced HSB 731)**

**Resolutions ADOPTED by the House: (4)**

**[HR 114](#) TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS**

Designates the week of May 1 as Tardive Dyskinesia awareness week.

**[HR 116](#) LABELING EGGS**

Urges the US FDA to enforce rules on labeling for eggs compared to imitation egg products.

**[HR 119](#) HONORING NICK CRITELLI**

Honors Nick Critelli for his service as a lawyer and as a captain in the Coast Guard Reserve.

**[HR 120](#) DANVILLE STATION & ANNE FRANK**

Honors the connection between the Danville Station Museum to Anne Frank through the pen pal letters of Juanita and Betty Wagner and the Frank sisters prior to WWII.

**Resolutions INTRODUCED by the House: (2)**

**[HR 123](#) HONORING SHARRON TRIMMER (Sieck)**

Honors Sharron Trimmer and her work in advocating for people with cancer.

**[HCR 105](#) SINE DIE**

Makes Tuesday, May 24 the final day of the 89th General Assembly

**WITHDRAWN: [HF 2590](#), [SF 2088](#), [SF 2231](#), [SF 2331](#), [SF 2384](#)**

**Senate Files: none (last introduced SF 2385)**

**Senate Study Bills: none (last introduced SSB 3163)**

**Resolutions INTRODUCED by the Senate: (1)**

**[SCR 105](#) SINE DIE**

Makes Tuesday, May 24 the final day of the 89th General Assembly

**Resolutions ADOPTED by the House & Senate: (1)**

**[SCR 105](#)/[HCR 105](#) SINE DIE**

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## TODAY IN THE LEGISLATURE (CONTINUED)

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**En Bloc Calendar:**

The **Senate CONFIRMED** the *En Bloc* Calendar, 43-0

**Senate Individual Confirmation Calendar:**

Gwen Ecklund, *State Judicial Nominating Commission* - **NOT CONFIRMED**, 28-16

Kathleen Law, *State Judicial Nominating Commission* - **NOT CONFIRMED**, 29-15

Jeremy Kidd, *State Judicial Nominating Commission* - **NOT CONFIRMED**, 28-16

Derek Muller, *State Judicial Nominating Commission* - **NOT CONFIRMED**, 28-16

Senator Wahls issued a statement on why Senate Democrats voted down four nominations to the State Judicial Nominating Commission:

Iowans deserve a fair legal system based on our laws and Constitution. We need justice, not partisan political games. That is why Iowa Senate Democrats oppose the Governor's nominees to the State Judicial Nominating Commission, whose nominations are in clear violation of Iowa law. Eight of the nine members of the State Judicial Nominating Commission appointed by the Governor are Republicans. One is a right-wing independent. None are Democrats.

Iowa law clearly states that appointees to the State Judicial Nominating Commission "shall be chosen without reference to political affiliation." Unfortunately, Governor Kim Reynolds is clearly violating this simple law.

The Governor has nominated four right wing conservatives, including a Republican Party operative and the only Independent left the Republican Party because it was not conservative enough. This is wrong, and it is illegal. We have heard from Iowans loud and clear that they are tired of the partisan power grab by Republican politicians. Iowans deserve better.

## SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

### Bills Signed by the Governor: (12)

#### [HF 604](#) DEAF LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Requires the DOE to work with other agencies, including the DPH on the development of tools to assess the language and literacy acquisition skills of young deaf children, the development of language milestones, the development and dissemination of a resource for parents and on other matters. Allows the DOE to hire a family support mentoring coordinator. Gives the DOE various duties, contingent on an appropriation. Includes other provisions, including requirements to be consistent with federal standards.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 48-0

The **House PASSED** the bill 97-0

#### [HF 2239](#) SEX ABUSE EVIDENCE

Deems that the rule of evidence for sexual abuse cases applies to discovery proceedings and post-conviction proceedings. Adds hearsay exceptions for children in physical/sexual abuse cases and for persons with developmental disabilities/cognitive impairment. Requires substantial compliance.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 47-0

The **House PASSED** the bill 97-0

#### [HF 2252](#) CHILD & DEPENDENT ADULTS

**Childcare:** Strikes the requirement that a parent be absent for a limited time due to illness in order to qualify for childcare assistance. **Foster Care:** Includes children between the ages of 18-20 who are in foster care or the juvenile justice system and met certain other requirements in the definition of children. Limits FC payments for children over 18 to foster care in Iowa or supervised apartment living. Strikes certain reporting requirements. **Adoption:** Requires an adoption plan due to the termination of parental rights include the names of known siblings, and any plans to contact them. Requires adoption plans due to the termination of parental rights to include any copies of related court orders. Requires notice to the siblings if contact is in the best interest of the child. Requires a juvenile court to order records opened in an adoption due to terminating parental rights, at the request of the adopted person as an adult. **Abuse:** Allows the DHS to disclose information in a dependent adult abuse investigation to a financial institution or to the Insurance Commissioner. Gives financial institutions, the Insurance Commissioner and the SSA access to founded abuse information if deemed necessary by DHS.

The **House PASSED** the bill 95-0

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 48-0

#### [HF 2412](#) RADON TESTING IN SCHOOLS

Requires school boards to conduct a short-term test(2 to 7-day test) for radon in school buildings at least once by July 2027 and at least once every five years afterwards, by certified testers. Does not allow trained school employees to test in buildings other than the district that the employee works in. Requires the results to be published. Requires a second test if the results are above 4 picocuries per liter and requires mitigation efforts by certified mitigation person if the results are still high. Does not require mitigation if the district intends to remodel or stop using the building. Requires new buildings to be radon resistant. Requires DOE and DPH to adopt rules.

The **House PASSED** the bill 93-2

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 47-0

## SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR (CONTINUED)

### Bills Signed by the Governor: (continued)

#### [HF 2507](#) FAMILY FIRST

Aligns the Iowa Family First Act with federal law. Specifies that the least restrictive environment for the placement of a child includes a preference for family or fictive kin. Redefines CASA, GaL and guardian, putative father, relative and makes other definitional changes and changes in duties. **Runaways:** Strikes placement in a runaway assessment center as an option for juveniles. **Notice:** Allows for service in juvenile and parental rights proceedings to be done by notice if a court believes service is otherwise impracticable. **Reports:** Requires a report of child abuse due to drug making to be done within five years. Requires reports of possible child abuse to be made orally to DHS. **ChINA:** Makes changes to legislative findings. Requires courts to find by substantial evidence that a need for removal exists before issuing an *ex parte* order. Includes requirements to consider placement of the child with another parent. Requires a foster care provider be given decision making authority in these placements. Includes provisions on placement with other family or fictive kin. Requires courts to give deference to DHS placement decisions. Includes provisions on domestic abuse situations. Presumes a child over 10 should be at ChINA hearings. Includes other provisions on procedures, evidence and matters related to ChINA hearings. **Father:** Deems a putative father is not a necessary party until paternity is established. Gives a putative father the right to counsel. **Murder:** Allows a court to waive reasonable efforts to avoid a permanent removal for a parent convicted of murder offenses. Requires a county attorney to file for termination of parental rights for parents convicted of murder/voluntary manslaughter offenses. **Rights:** Does not require a finding of a non-accidental physical injury to terminate parental rights. Allows a court to terminate parental rights after a ChINA finding if the parent is a danger to people or has a severe SA disorder. Includes provisions on continuing relationships with other siblings, placements and other matters. **Other:** Prohibits reporting a CASA as a GaL for various proceedings. Includes provisions on shelter/detention costs and on the use of decategorization funds. Shifts certain duties to juvenile courts from DHS.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 44-0

The **House PASSED** the bill 94-0

#### [SF 333](#) EMERGENCY VEHICLE USE

Allows the driver of an emergency vehicle disobey certain traffic laws in the pursuit of a perpetrator who has committed a misdemeanor. Allows drivers of fire and EMS vehicles, and police officers on bikes, to go through red lights or stop signs without stopping. Allows an ambulance to transport a patient at speeds over the speed limit without using a siren or lights in specific circumstances. Authorizes certain pursuit techniques by police. Includes provisions on parades and funeral processions. Includes provisions on the use of air horns and on authorizing emergency vehicles. Includes immunity provisions. Effective on enactment.

The **House PASSED** the bill 54-39

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 33-16

#### [SF 463](#) OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

Adopts the Interstate Occupational Therapist Licensure Act and the interstate audiologist/speech pathologist compact. Takes effect on enactment by 10 states. Establishes a commission to regulate occupational therapists.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 45-0

The **House PASSED** the bill 94-0

## SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR (CONTINUED)

### Bills Signed by the Governor: (continued)

#### **SF 551** FIREFIGHTER/EMS DRIVING

Allows person with firefighter or EMS plates to reasonably exceed the speed limit when responding to an emergency. Requires driver to have training and to use a blue light. Requires the driver to have had emergency driving training. Requires court to expunge a speeding ticket if the driver was reacting to these circumstances and the driver presents a signed statement from the chief regarding the emergency. Excludes a driver with a CDL from the expungement provisions. Allows current members of EMS or Fire departments to apply for FF plates.

The **House PASSED** the bill 68-25

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 47-1

#### **SF 577** NONVIABLE BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Creates a nonviable birth certificate for pregnancies that end between the detection of a heartbeat and the twentieth week. Makes such certificates similar to stillbirth birth certificates. Requires health care providers to tell patients about the availability of such certificates. Requires the DPH to adopt rules. Sets fees for such certificates at no more than the cost. Applies to births after 2000.

The **House PASSED** the bill 94-0

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 46-0

#### **SF 2190** MINOR PIZZA ROLLERS

Allows a minor under 18 to operate a power-driven pizza roller if certain safety features are in place. Does not apply to setting up, oiling and making other adjustments to the machine.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 46-0

The **House PASSED** the bill 93-0

#### **SF 2287** CATALYTIC CONVERTOR SALES

Establishes requirements for the sale of catalytic convertors. Requires a seller to show an ID and a sales tax permit/business license or a receipt showing the purchase of a replacement or junking certificate from 30 days prior. Allows the seller to show alternate proof that the sale is approved by the sheriff. Requires the purchaser to keep a confidential record, to take pictures of the convertor and to have a fixed address. Requires transactions to be by various traceable means (checks, electronic funds transfer, pre-paid bank, credit and debit cards and vouchers). Establishes civil penalties for violation. Allows the inference that a failure to keep records implies that the purchaser knew the property was stolen.

The **House PASSED** the bill 88-5

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 42-3

#### **SF 2334** 410 SHOTGUNS

Requires the NRC to authorize turkey hunters to use a 28 gauge or .410 shotgun, using shot no smaller than 10.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 48-0

The **House PASSED** the bill 92-0

## APPROPRIATIONS BILLS TO THE GOVERNOR

### Appropriations Bills to the **Governor**: (4)

#### **HF 2558 JUDICIAL BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS**

[H 8383](#) by the **Senate** -*Strike & Replace*:

Makes the FY 2023 appropriations for the Judicial Branch (\$190 million for the Judicial Branch; \$3.6 million for the Jury & Witness Fee Fund). Allows civil trials to held in contiguous counties if the parties agree. Allows a judicial officer waive travel reimbursement. Allows a judicial officer to be placed on unpaid leave if court employees are required to furlough. Requires a focus on collecting delinquent fines and court costs. States the intent that the ICN be used in lieu of travel. States the intent that the Judicial Branch appoint four new district associate judges. Prohibits the Judicial Branch from duplicating the state accounting system, with exceptions. States the intent clerk of courts operate in all 99 counties and be accessible to the public as much as reasonably possible. Establishes various reporting requirements. Adds [SF 2132](#) (Allows the Governor to appoint one additional member to the District Judicial Nominating Commissions for six. Removes the senior district judge from the commissions and allows the commissions to elect their own chair.) Strikes the requirement that the Governor submit the Judicial Branch budget unchanged.

[S-5177/H 8390](#) by **Worthan** - Deems that not more than half the members on the nominating commission shall be one gender. Includes the senior district judge on commissions. **ADOPTED**

The **House CONCURRED & PASSED** the bill as amended 55-38

The **Senate CONCURRED** in [S-5177](#) & **PASSED** the bill as amended 27-16; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### **HF 2564 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

[H 8383](#) by the **Senate** -*Strike & Replace*:

Makes the FY 2023 appropriations for DCA, EDA, IFA, PERB, DWD & Regents. **GF Total**: \$45.3 million  
**DCA: Total** \$5.98 million. Administration (\$168,637); Community Grants (\$172,090); Historical Division (\$3.14 million); Historic Sites (\$426,398); Arts (\$1.32 million); Great Places (\$150,000); Cultural Trust Grants (\$150,000). **EDA** ED Appropriation (\$13.32 million); World Food Prize (\$375,000); Volunteers (\$168,201); COGS (\$250,000); Apprenticeship (\$760,000); Butchery Innovation (\$633,000); Tourism plan (\$1.1 million); Tourism Marketing (\$1.4 million). **IFA**: Rent Subsidy Program (\$658,000); Housing Pilot Program (\$500,000). **PERB Total**: \$1.49 million. **DWD Total**: \$14.73 million; Labor Services (\$3.49 million); Workers' Comp (\$3.32 million); Field Offices (\$6.68 million); Offender Reentry (\$387,158); I/3 Accounting (\$228,822); Summer Intern (\$250,000); Employee Misclassification (\$379,361). **Regents Total**: \$3.89 million; ISU Biosciences (\$2.6 million); UI Biosciences (\$874,000); UNI Casting (\$394,321). **Other Funds Total**: \$28.07 million. **EDA Total**: \$14.5 million; High Quality Jobs (\$11.7 million); STEM Internships (\$633,000); Butchery Innovation (\$366,000); STEM (\$700,000); Empower Rural Iowa (\$700,000); Future Ready (\$400,000). **DWD**: Field Offices (\$4.62 million); AMOS (\$100,000); Future Ready Coordinator (\$150,000). **Regents Total** \$8.7 million: Regents Innovation Fund (\$3 million); ISU Economic Development (\$2.42 million); UI Economic Development (\$209,279); UI Entrepreneur (\$2 million); UNI Econ Development (\$1.07 million). **Other**: Creates an Employer Child Care Tax Credit capped at \$2 million and reduces the HQ Jobs credit by \$2 million. Creates a Housing Renewal pilot program in IFA. Includes reporting requirements.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill as amended 31-14 (5/23)

The **House CONCURRED & PASSED** the bill as amended 56-33; it now GOES to the **Governor**

## APPROPRIATIONS BILLS TO THE GOVERNOR (CONTINUED)

### Appropriations Bills to the **Governor**: (continued)

#### **SF 2384/HF 2589** STANDINGS APPROPRIATIONS

Makes the Standing appropriations. Limits the standing appropriations for non-public school transportation, the instructional support state aid and for aid AEAS. Authorizes the DOM to approve salary adjustments for departments from other appropriated funds. **Corrections**: Makes corrections.

#### **Amendments to HF 2589**

[H 8396](#), [H 8397](#), [H 8398](#) by **Shiple** - **OUT-OF-ORDER**

[H-8386](#) by **Hall** - *Strike & Replace*:

[H 8399](#) to [H-8386](#) by **Hall** - *Strike & Replace* - Adds provisions on medical cannabis, post-partum coverage, elections, weatherization, gas and grocery assistance. Makes standing limitations and makes corrections. **ADOPTED**

[H-8386](#) by **Hall** as amended - **RULED NOT GERMANE**; **MTSR FAILED** 56-38

[H 8394](#) by **Mohr** - Makes the CIO part of the DOM. Strikes outside funding for elections, allows school career transition counselors to be shared, makes possession of a dangerous weapon by a minor a delinquent act, adds protections for NG members against assault, strikes the March 1 open enrollment deadline, adds provisions on dependent adult abuse resulting in a death as 2nd degree murder, ambulatory surgical centers, non-competes in health care employment, pioneer cemeteries, doctors performing physical exams on children. Makes various corrections/updates to the bottle bill, home-based businesses, pre-need funerals and other matters.

[H 8395](#) to [H 8394](#) by **Kaufmann** - Defines direct mass mailings and prohibits state officials from making direct mass mailings 60 days before an election. **ADOPTED**

[H 8394](#) by **Mohr** -as amended - **ADOPTED**

#### **Amendments to SF 2384**

[S 5179](#) by **Whitver** - Conforms to [HF 2589](#). **ADOPTED**

[S 5181](#) by **Bolkcom** - Adds many of the provisions on direct mass mailings, assaults against NG members, on dependent adult abuse, possession of a dangerous weapon by minors. **FAILED** 28-16

[S 5180](#) by **Nunn** - **WITHDRAWN**

The **House PASSED** [HF 2589](#) as amended 56-39

The **Senate PASSED** [HF 2589](#) 30-14; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### **SF 2385** ADMINISTRATION & REGULATION APPROPRIATIONS

Makes the FY 2023 appropriations to the DAS, Auditor, SOS, Treasurer, Ethics & Campaign Board, CIO, DOC, Governor, Office of Drug Control Policy, DHR, DIA, DOM, DOR, Public Information Board and IPERS. **FY 2023 DAS** Total: \$8.2 million; Administrative Services (\$3.6 million); Utilities (\$4.1 million); Terrace Hill Operations (\$461,674). **Auditor**: \$986,193. **Ethics and Campaign Disclosure**: \$774,910. **DOC** Total: \$1.44 million; Alcoholic Beverages Operations (\$1.08 million); Professional Licensing Bureau (\$360,856). **Governor** Total: \$2.46 million (with \$142,702 for Terrace Hill). **Office of Drug Control Policy**: \$239,271. **DHR** Total: \$1.15 million; Administration (\$189,798); CASA (\$956,816). **DIA** Total: \$11.9 million; Administration (\$546,312); Administrative Hearings (\$625,827); Investigations (\$2.34 million); Health Facilities (\$5.19 million); Employment Board (\$38,912); Child Advocacy Board (\$2.6 million); Food Safety (\$574,819). **DOM** Total/ Operations: \$2.7 million. **Public Information Board**: \$358,990. **DOR**: \$15.29 million; Operations (\$15.15 million); Cigarette stamps (\$142,177). **Secretary of State**: \$3.55 million; Administration (\$2.12 million); Business (\$1.42 million). **Treasurer**: \$1.02 million. **Other Funds Total**: \$60.03 million. **DOC** Total: \$31.24 million; Insurance (\$6.52 million; with an earmark for \$200,000 for Investigators for PBMs); Banking (\$12.99 million); Credit Union (\$2.43 million); Housing Field Auditor (\$62,317); Utilities (\$9.23 million). *(continued)*

## APPROPRIATIONS BILLS TO THE GOVERNOR (CONTINUED)

### Appropriations Bills to the **Governor**: (continued)

#### **SF 2385** ADMINISTRATION & REGULATION APPROPRIATIONS *(continued)*

**DIA** Total: \$8.54 million; R & G Gaming Enforcement (\$6.9 million); **DIA** (\$1.62 million). **DOM**: \$56,000. **IPERS**: \$18.11 million. **DOR**: Motor Fuel: \$1.31 million. **Treasurer**: \$269,953. **SOS**: Addresses (\$195,400). **Other**: Scoops unobligated Technology modernization funds for the **SOS** for business service improvements for four years. Transfers \$1 million from the Beer & Liquor fund to **DPH** with the passage of [SF 2374](#) **ALCOHOL LICENSES** and makes changes related to Sunday sales.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 28-16 (5/23)

The **House PASSED** the bill 54-35; it now GOES to the **Governor**

## BILLS TO THE GOVERNOR

### Bills to the **Governor**: (18)

#### **HF 771** BRONCHODILATORS

Allows the use of bronchodilators for respiratory distress as a self-administered medication at schools and prescribed to schools, similar to the use of epinephrine. Requires the **DOE** to work with nurses, doctors and pharmacists on rules. Requires the rules to include disposal provisions.

[H 8392/S 5176](#) by **Rozenboom** - Makes corrections on provisions related to bronchodilator canisters and spacers. **ADOPTED**

The **Senate PASSED** the bill as amended 44-0

The **House CONCURRED** in [H 8392](#) & **PASSED** the bill 95-0; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### **HF 2080** SHARED OPERATIONAL FUNDING

Increases the supplemental weighting for schools that share operational superintendent management functions. Allows one shared position to be a special education director without requiring both positions be the special education director. Effective for school years 2022-2024.

[H 8376](#) by the **Senate** Adds school resource officers for sharing. **ADOPTED**

The **Senate PASSED** the bill as amended 45-0 (5/23)

The **House CONCURRED & PASSED** the bill as amended 87-1; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### **HF 2130** DRIVING ATVS

Allows registered ATVs and UTVs to operate on non-interstate highways, using the most direct and accessible route between an ATV park or trail and a road designated for ATV used. Allows ATVs/UTVs to operate on all county roads. Requires ATV drivers on highways to be 18 and to have insurance. Requires the ATV to have headlights and taillights. Limits the use of ATV fees for law enforcement. Allows cities and counties to prohibit ATV operations on roads with an agreement with an ATV club. Grandfathers in current ordinances.

[S-5128](#), [S 5142](#) - **WITHDRAWN**

[S 5178](#) by **Koelker & Brown** - *Strike & Replace*: Establishes requirements for driving ATVs on county roads under provisions similar to the bill. Allows counties and cities to regulate ATVs.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill as amended 40-4

The **House CONCURRED** in [H-8400](#) & **PASSED** 65-30; it now GOES to the **Governor**

## BILLS TO THE GOVERNOR (CONTINUED)

### Bills to the **Governor**: (continued)

#### **HF 2147** USS IOWA SUB

Appropriates \$200,000 from the GF to the DPD for a grant to support the christening and commissioning of the USS Iowa submarine (SSN 797).

[H 8388](#) by the **Senate** - Cuts the appropriation to \$150,000 and takes \$75,000 out of the Veterans License plate fund. **ADOPTED**

The **Senate PASSED** the bill as amended 37-7 (5/23)

The **House CONCURRED** in [H 8388](#) 56-37 & **PASSED** the bill 69-24; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### **HF 2165** LAST DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Makes part-time students eligible for Future Ready Last Dollar scholarships. Lets the Workforce Development Board, along with community colleges, identify high demand jobs for future ready programs.

[H 8379](#) by the **Senate** - Strikes the authority to identify high-demand jobs. **ADOPTED**

The **Senate PASSED** the bill as amended 44-0 (5/23)

The **House CONCURRED** in [H 8379](#) 52-36 & **PASSED** the bill 77-12; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### **HF 2169** PHARMACY MATTERS

Allows an RN to give immunizations and vaccines under the order of pharmacist using statewide protocols without a registration from the BOP. Strikes requirements for a non-resident pharmacy to show evidence of giving out a toll-free number on prescriptions on its licensing application.

The **House PASSED** the bill 94-1 (2/22)

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 43-0; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### **HF 2298** NO COVID IMMUNIZATIONS

Prohibits requiring a COVID immunization in order to enroll in childcare center, school or college or university prior to July 2029.

The **House PASSED** the bill 57-36 (2/28)

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 29-16; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### **HF 2358** ILEA REQUIREMENTS

Strikes the requirement that the ILEA director certify an individual who has completed FBI training, has corrected 20/20 vision and is serving as a police chief in a city over 20,000 by examination. Strikes the requirement that the ILEA be the principal library and media center for law enforcement.

The **House PASSED** the bill 97-0 (2/23)

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 45-0; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### **HF 2384** PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS

**Fiduciary**: Establishes fiduciary duties for PMBs. **Requirements**: Makes definitions, including for maximum allowable cost. Requires a Pharmacy Benefit Manager to allow an Iowa pharmacy to participate in its network on the same terms and conditions and reimbursements as other pharmacies. Prohibits charges to pharmacies in the network. Includes calculations to limit cost-sharing for patients. Does not count cost-sharing towards specialty drugs or if an A-rated generic is available. Applies cost-share payments to the deductible. Prohibits PMBs from stopping a pharmacist from telling a patient about a lower-cost drug. Does not allow a price reduction after a clean claim has been submitted and defines clean claims. Requires that a PBM have an appeal process for MACL decisions. **Other**: Requires the Commissioner to adopt rules. Makes the provisions severable.

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## BILLS TO THE GOVERNOR (CONTINUED)

### Bills to the Governor: (continued)

#### **HF 2384 PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS (continued)**

[H-8401/S 5182](#) by **Klimesh** - Makes definitions. Strikes the provisions prohibiting discrimination against Iowa pharmacies on network participation and related matters. Strikes the appeals process. Includes other provisions from the bill. Retains provisions on clawbacks on clean claims. **ADOPTED**

The **Senate PASSED** the bill as amended 44-0

The **House CONCURRED** in [H-8401](#) & **PASSED** the bill as amended 93-0; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### **HF 2411 PROSTHETIC DEVICES**

Requires an employer to give an employee a prosthetic device for an injury that occurred while the person was employed and that would be considered compensable.

[H 8393/S 5060](#) by **Dickey** - Requires employers to set aside money in the 2nd Injury fund for future replacement costs. Includes provisions for distributing the money if not spent. **ADOPTED**

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 43-0

The **House CONCURRED** in [H 8393](#) & **PASSED** the bill 95-0; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### **HF 2420 NEWBORN INFANTS**

Increases the age of a baby who is eligible to be dropped off under the newborn safe act to 90 days.

The **House PASSED** the bill 99-0 (3/2)

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 45-0; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### **HF 2431 HOME BUSINESSES**

Prohibits local governments from requiring prior approval for a no-impact home business and limits regulations to narrowly tailored restrictions. Does not allow requirements that the property be rezoned for commercial use or to have fire sprinklers. Limits the visibility of the business from an adjacent street. Requires local governments to establish by a clear and convincing standard that any regulation complies with the bill. **Home food:** Changes home bakeries to home food establishments and defines homemade food. Raises the sales cap to \$50,000. Includes home kitchens and B & B kitchens. Defines cottage food (production and sale of food from a home kitchen not subject to temperature control). Exempt cottage food from various regulations but includes labeling requirements. Sets fines for violations.

[S 5174](#) by **Bisignano** - Adds provisions on selling raw milk. **WITHDRAWN**

The **House PASSED** the bill 66-25 (3/10)

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 28-15; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### **HF 2468 ARBITRATION ACTIONS**

Allows a party to assert to a court that an arbitration would be barred by the SOL had it been brought in court. Applies to proceedings pending or started after the effective date.

[S 5173](#) by **J Smith** - Adds provisions on sexual abuse cases. **RULED NOT GERMANE**

The **House PASSED** the bill 97-0 (2/24)

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 30-15; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### **HF 2517 LEVEE STUDY**

Allows certain funds appropriated in FY 2022 for a levee study for DHS/EM to roll over for an additional year.

The **House PASSED** the bill 94-0 (3/30)

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 45-0; it now GOES to the **Governor**

## BILLS TO THE GOVERNOR (CONTINUED)

### Bills to the **Governor**: (continued)

#### **HF 2546** TIERED PSYCHIATRIC REIMBURSEMENTS

Requires the DHS to implement a tiered reimbursement methodology for Medicaid psychiatric in-patient care, based on the patient's acuity by January 2023. Requires the use of inpatient bed tracking study to determine other factors used for the tiered reimbursements.

The **House PASSED** the bill 96-0 (3/15)

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 45-0; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### **HF 2573** OPIOID ANTAGONIST

Creates an Opioid Settlement Fund for any legal settlements related with drug companies. Creates an Opioid Antagonist Medication Fund in the DPH to assist first responders with the cost of opioid antagonists. Includes requirements for the fund and for reports.

**S-5129** by **Appropriations** - Strikes the Settlement fund. Requires a report to legislators on any national settlements. Includes provisions on school employees giving narcotic antagonists.

**S 5175** to **S-5129** by **Garrett** - *Strike & Replace*: Allows school employees to administer opioid antagonists. Appropriates \$3.8 million in FY 23 from the Opioid Antagonist fund to the UI for medication addiction programs. **ADOPTED**

**S-5129** by **Appropriations** as amended - **ADOPTED** 28-16

The **Senate PASSED** the bill as amended 44-0

The **House CONCURRED** in **H 8391** & **PASSED** the bill 88-1; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### **SF 581** DEER REIMBURSEMENT

Strikes the current reimbursement for illegally taking an antlerless deer (\$1,500) and reduces the reimbursement to \$500. Retroactive to July 2020 and allows persons who have paid the higher price to get the difference refunded. **Permits**: Lowers the fee for deer depredation permits to \$2. Requires DNR to allow the permits to be filled September to December and allows the DNR to authorize other months.

**Season**: Requires the NRC to set a January Antlerless deer season in a county that has unsold licenses.

Allows the use of guns using centerfire ammunition. **Study**: Requires the DNR to study the population of deer in each county and the impact on crops, on the number of deer-car collisions and other matters every three years. Requires the DNR to work with the Insurance Division, the DOT and ISU. Pays for the study from the Fish & Wildlife Fund.

#### **Amendments to SF 581**

**S 5121** by the **House** - **Stamps**: Adds the trout stamp to the Lifetime Hunting/Fishing licenses for disabled vets. Increases the reimbursement to \$750. Increases the deer depredation fee to \$5. Allows the use of bows, shotguns, handguns and muzzleloaders during the January season. Requires calibers to be at least .24. Makes corrections to the deer population study and updates the bill. **Non-ambulatory Hunters**: Allows a non-ambulatory resident hunter to use shotguns, muzzleloaders or straight wall cartridge rifles during any deer season. **Vets**: Increases the number of deer licenses for non-residents hunting through a non-profit that helps disabled veterans to hunt to 50.

**H 8368** by the **Senate** - Moves the 50 licenses for disabled veterans to the special tags the Governor is authorized to issue. Strikes the take method/ammunition changes for the January season and allows the use of centerfire rifles during the January season. **ADOPTED**

The **Senate CONCURRED & PASSED** the bill as amended 45-0 (5/2)

The **House CONCURRED** in **H 8368** 55-36 & **PASSED** the bill 56-34; it now GOES to the **Governor**

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## BILLS TO THE GOVERNOR (CONTINUED)

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### Bills to the **Governor**: (continued)

#### **SF 2373** LAKE MANAWA/WAUBONSIE

Repeals the current pilot project for non-resident user fees at Lake Manawa and Waubonsie State Park and enacts a daily user fee program. Strikes the current option for an annual pass. Strikes different camping fees for non-residents and residents and allows the DNR to determine when a reservation fee will cover an entrance fee. Allows temporary DNR officers to issue citations. Repeals the fees as of 2025.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 47-0 (3/23)

The **House PASSED** the bill 88-1; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### **SF 2380** GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER DAY

Makes February 1 George Washington Carver Day in Iowa.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 48-0 (4/19)

The **House PASSED** the bill 88-0; it now GOES to the **Governor**

## GOVERNOR REYNOLDS STATEMENT

Governor Reynolds released the following statement on the session:

This legislative session, I charged the House and Senate to work together to further advance Iowa's strong growth through policies that cut taxes, invest in biofuels and strengthen our families, communities, schools, workforce and economy. I'm proud that our state is leading the nation in many of these areas and delivering on the promises we made to the people of Iowa.

Iowa's economy is expanding, our communities are flourishing, and our profile is rising. None of that would be possible without the businesses, community leaders, and educational institutions that form the bedrock of our communities. Most of all, it wouldn't be possible without our people and the communities they call home. Thanks to them, there's never been a better time to invest in Iowa, to move to Iowa, and to believe in Iowa. They are the source of our strength.

Governor Reynolds said that some of the key legislative accomplishments this year include:

- Tax Relief for Hardworking Iowans, with income tax cuts, exemptions for diapers and feminine hygiene products and clearing the waitlist for solar tax credits.
- Re-Employing Iowans by reducing unemployment benefits to encourage a return to work and reducing licensing barriers.
- Promoting Access to Child Care by opening additional slots, allowing younger workers to work unsupervised and allowing childcare centers to charge parents for the difference between the state Child Care Assistance rates and the center's normal rates.
- Adopting an E-15 standard to promote sales of renewable fuels in Iowa.
- Supporting education by increasing K-12 funding and by making open enrollment easier for parents.
- Protecting girls sports by designating sporting events as male, female or co-ed and only allowing students who are female according to their birth certificate to play girls sports.
- Promoting strong families by implementing the federal Family First Protection Act.
- Improving access to MH care by expanding loan repayment programs.
- Supporting Israel against boycotts.
- Continuing the modernization of state government regulations and promoting economic development in the state.



## CLOSING REMARKS SENATE PRESIDENT CHAPMAN (FULL TEXT)



Mr. Majority Leader, Colleagues, and Fellow Iowans:

I want to take this opportunity thank all of you for the privilege it is to serve the people of Iowa as the President of the Iowa Senate. As we conclude this legislative session I am reminded of our state motto “Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain.” It’s a motto that has resounded from its beginning and still holds true today. The Senate has done tremendous work in preserving, protecting, and defending our rights and our liberties. Over these past two years I am proud of the incredible work and the accomplishments of this legislative body. From protecting girls sports to enacting the largest tax cut in Iowa’s history, to adjourning today with Iowa in a strong economic position; the Iowa Senate will continue to fight for Iowans and Iowa values.

While we want to celebrate our successes, we know there is much work still to be done. I pray my colleagues will remember to always fear God, not man, as we continue to fight to protect our children, and to maintain the rights and liberties for future generations.

May God bless each and every one of you and may he continue to bless our great State!

## CLOSING REMARKS SENATE MAJORITY LEADER WHITVER (FULL TEXT)



Friends and colleagues I want to start by simply thanking everyone for their hard work this year. Senators, staff, and pages. Thank you for your service to Iowa.

Traditionally, the end of session speech recaps the session just completed. However, this year I want to take a look at the last two years of accomplishments. The 89th General Assembly will go down as one of the most productive and exceptional General Assemblies in Iowa history. It will also go down as one of the most successful. We took our seats in this chamber in January of 2021, 9 months into the first worldwide pandemic in 100 years. It was a time of hardship for many people. It was a time of great uncertainty. It was a time of great stress for so many Iowans.

It was also a difficult time to legislate. The issues facing us were issues none of us ever expected to address in our years in the Senate. Issues we don’t consider when we decided to run for office. Issues like pandemics, vaccine policies, mask requirements, or lockdowns. It was a time that needed strong leadership. It needed smart leadership. And it needed good leadership. That leadership was provided by Governor Reynolds through the summer and fall of 2020 when we were not in session. But when the legislature returned in January of 2021, it was time to get to work WITH the governor to legislate solutions to the issues in front of us. While most governors around the country continued to govern through executive orders, this caucus and this legislature sat down and worked WITH our governor to pass the necessary LEGISLATION to move this state forward. We worked together to lead this state through the challenges brought by the pandemic in a way consistent with the founding principles of this republic.

In January of 2021, the hottest issue in the state was: Should our kids go to school? As liberal school boards literally locked our kids out of school or forced our students into part time school, the Republicans in the legislature stood up and passed one of the first laws in the country saying that no matter where you live, no matter which school you attend . . . if you want your kids in school, they have the option to go to school 100% of the time in Iowa. History may look back at this decision as an obvious decision . . . the easy solution.



## CLOSING REMARKS SENATE MAJORITY LEADER WHITVER (FULL TEXT)(CONTINUED)

It wasn't that easy. Education unions decried the common-sense solution of giving parents and students the option of being in school in person full time. Only a handful of states had the courage and ability to step up and pass legislation to ensure our kids were in school. We were one of them. 32 Republicans in this chamber stood up for our kids to make sure our kids were being educated. Every Democrat voted NO! As liberal cities and states across the country rushed to DEFUND THE POLICE, Iowa did the opposite. Common sense will tell you that if you defund the police, you will see an increase in crime. This legislature passed one of the most comprehensive Back the Blue bills in the entire country. In Iowa, our law enforcement officers know – when they have our back, we have their back! 32 Republican senators voted to support our law enforcement. Every single Democrat voted NO!

The covid pandemic was also a very difficult for state budgets across the country. A shutdown of the economy for several months naturally had a tremendous impact on our state revenues. Because of the hard work done by Republicans in the Iowa Legislature on our state budget over the past few years, our finances were strong in March of 2020. The Council of State Governments analyzed every state fiscal situation in March of 2020, and Iowa ranked as the state best prepared to weather the pandemic financially. If that wasn't enough, because of the decisions made by the governor and this legislature, Iowa opened back up and we were named by Wallet Hub as the one of the fastest states to recover from the pandemic. Our strong fiscal conservatism has led to record surpluses, record balances in our rainy day funds, and a record amount in our taxpayer relief fund. This year we promised to do what every government should do when it has too much taxpayer money. Our Ways and Means committee got to work! In 2021, we passed one of the biggest tax reform bills in history. We expedited income tax cuts, we eliminated the death tax in Iowa, and we made good on our promise to fund mental health, while reducing property taxes. This tax bill would be historic in any normal General Assembly. But continued growth and surpluses positioned us to enact another tax cut. This time the biggest income tax cut in state history! We began our Republican trifecta with a tax rate of 8.9%. This legislature has reduced that rate to 3.9%!

Over the last two years, we have seen relentless government overreach in a way few of us ever could imagine. At every turn, we have had Iowans' backs. When cities and states across the country were implementing vaccine passports, this legislature stood up to support Iowans. We passed a ban on vaccine passports so Iowans would not be shut out of local businesses due to their personal medical decisions. When schools continued with unnecessary mask mandates that took power out of parents' hands and defied common sense, we were there for our students. Iowa was one of only a few states to pass a mask mandate ban in our schools. When the Biden Administration imposed vaccine mandates on millions of employees, we again stood up for Iowa employees and passed a bill last fall to ensure that Iowans would be protected against these unconstitutional mandates. If there is one thing that I would tell Iowans about the 89th General Assembly . . . it is this: Republicans in the legislature have had your back. We made sure you kept more of what you earned. We made sure Iowans had the choice to wear a mask and whether to attend school full time. We protected Iowans against the non-stop government overreach by some cities, schools, and the federal government. We have had your back and we made sure common sense prevails in Iowa.

This two-year General Assembly has been productive and historic. As we end this session and head out to talk with our constituents, we know our work is not done. Despite all we have accomplished, we have much more to do. This generational tax cut will be implemented over the next several years and a conservative, sustainable budget must accompany that tax relief. *(continued)*



## CLOSING REMARKS SENATE MAJORITY LEADER WHITVER (FULL TEXT)(CONTINUED)

In addition to implementing tax relief and sustainable budgets, more work remains to give Iowa parents a greater ability to direct their children's education. Iowa has some excellent public schools but they don't always work for every student. Putting parents first has been a theme for Senate Republicans for the last 6 years. From in-person learning, to choosing to wear a mask, and ensuring open enrollment exists for all Iowa students, we have led on empowering parents. We continued that work this year and we will continue to advance that goal next year. The path forward is clear. I look forward to the next several months of communicating our positive, pro-growth message to Iowans. Followed by the 90th General Assembly, when we will continue to deliver results for this great state. Thank you, Mr. President.

## CLOSING REMARKS SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER ZACH WAHLS (FULL TEXT)

As we wrap up the 2022 Legislative session, I am grateful to my Democratic colleagues for the honor of leading our caucus, and I am especially grateful to the several retiring members of my caucus for their decades of dedicated public service to our state. Thank you. I also thank our smart, caring, and hardworking caucus staff and interns, on both sides of the aisle, and we all grieve the loss of the late Joshua William Bronsink. Finally, I thank the Secretary of the Senate and his staff, this year's wonderful Senate pages, all the hardworking staff of LSA and DAS who keep this building working, the statehouse press corps, and most importantly, our families and constituents back home.

Iowa's 2022 Legislative Session began with Senate President Jake Chapman accusing teachers and the media of a "sinister agenda," and trying to "normalize sexually deviant behavior against our children, including pedophilia and incest." And now, the 2022 Legislative Session is ending after a month of overtime with Governor Kim Reynolds against incumbent members of her own party in the House because she wants to use our public, taxpayer dollars to pay for private school vouchers. There could be no clearer sign that Republicans have zero interest in addressing the substantial economic headwinds facing our state: inflation, high gas prices, a formula shortage, and the ongoing Reynolds Workforce Crisis. Because rather than tackle these issues head-on, Iowa Republicans have spent 2022 pouring gasoline on the flames of the culture war and made many of these challenges much worse.

On inflation, Iowa Republicans passed tax giveaways that overwhelmingly benefit the ultrarich and big corporations - at the exact moment that corporations are posting record profits because of their high prices. On gas prices and the formula shortage, Iowa's Republican politicians in Washington voted against legislation to hold Big Oil accountable for their price gouging and voted against legislation to authorize emergency relief for families searching for formula. And on the Reynolds Workforce Crisis, Republican policies created this crisis. That's why there are fewer Iowans working today than when Governor Reynolds took office, even as the United States has added over ten million new jobs during that same time span. And in 2022, Iowa Republican policies are making the Reynolds Workforce Crisis substantially worse, in four specific ways: (1) Attacking public schools and false accusations of having a "sinister agenda." (2) Continued attacks on Labor rights and unemployment benefits. (3) Refusing to fix our state's worst-in-the-nation childcare crisis. (4) Driving people out of the state with their relentless culture war.

While Republicans falsely accuse teachers of trying to "normalize sexually deviant behavior against our children, including pedophilia and incest," in the words of Senator Chapman on opening day - everyday Iowans know this is simply not true. *(continued)*



## CLOSING REMARKS SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER WAHLS (FULL TEXT)(CONTINUED)



Here's what we know. We know that it's Iowa Republican politicians who have blocked efforts to fix Iowa's broken child sex abuse laws, not Democrats. We know that public school teachers are not the enemy. We know that families with two moms or two dads are just as real as every other Iowa family. We know that nobody is changing their gender just to get an advantage in high school sports. We know that Iowans who have been raped or are the victims of incest and choose an abortion to end an unwanted or medically threatening pregnancy are not murderers. We know that religion and faith are meant to bring us together, not be used to divide us.

We know that we all do better when we all do better, and that's why the ultrarich and big corporations should pay their fair share in taxes. We know that Iowans who live in mobile homes deserve the same dignity and protections as everyone else who owns their own home. We know that there is dignity in work and that every Iowan who works full time should be able to join the middle class.

We know that Iowa's future can be brighter than our past and that the way things have been is not how they have to be. We know that we can keep more young people in our state, we know a better future is possible, and we'll work with anyone to make that dream a reality.

## CLOSING REMARKS HOUSE SPEAKER GRASSLEY (FULL TEXT)



Ladies and Gentlemen of the Iowa House, we've made it to the end of the 2022 Legislative Session. We may be a little late, but as we head back to our districts for the remainder of the year, we have a lot to show for our time spent in Des Moines.

With inflation at a record-high and costs increasing on just about everything, it became even more important that we continue to ease the tax burden on Iowans. So, we cut taxes for all Iowans to a fair and flat rate of 3.9%. And we eliminated the tax on retirement income. That piece is often overlooked when we talk about this tax cut package. But Iowa House Republicans feel strongly that no Iowan should leave our state in their retirement just because of our tax climate.

Gas prices are also at a record high. But, we delivered a bipartisan bill to expand Iowans' access to a cheaper and cleaner fuel option at the pump. Because we recognize that biofuels are key to bringing energy independence to this country.

Also this session, we continued to build on the progress we've made on addressing the childcare and mental health care shortages across the state. And if you can believe it, we actually passed a bottle bill. I'm not sure what the press will even ask me about anymore in my press conferences. Oh wait, yes I do - NO I'm not running for my grandpa's seat. All in all, we had a successful session to move our state forward and continue to make Iowa the greatest state to live, work and raise a family. I have to take a moment to say thank you

To the retiring members of both the Majority and Minority party. Thank you for your years of service to your district and to this state. Whether you've been here 25 years like Cecil, or 25 minutes like Mike Boussetot, I am grateful for your hard work and dedication. To the House Republicans staff: Jeff, Brad, Jason, Amanda, Natalie, Kristin, Ben, Kristi, Lew, Mackenzie, Matt, Melissa, Anna, and Cord: Thank you for your work all session long. To everyone in this chamber: the legislators, Chief Clerk's office, pages, clerks and doormen. *(continued)*



## CLOSING REMARKS HOUSE SPEAKER GRASSLEY (FULL TEXT)(CONTINUED)

Thank you for all of your service and sacrifice to keep this place running smoothly. It comes with long hours, late nights, time away from family, and many strenuous projects. But we do it all because of the thing we all have in common. We love the great state of Iowa.

I'm proud of all we've accomplished together as the 89th general assembly. I always say Republicans continue to be successful because we follow through on the promises we make to the voters. Iowans put their faith in us to act on their priorities, and to keep our promises. And I'm proud of how we've delivered. Now, it's time we head back to our districts to listen to our constituents and receive additional instructions. I look forward to returning to this chamber and continuing our work for the state of Iowa. Thank you.

## CLOSING REMARKS REPRESENTATIVE KONFRST (FULL TEXT)

First, I want to thank all the people who make this place run. The folks behind the scenes at LSA analyzing and drafting. The folks in the chief clerk's office, the doorkeepers and all the pages. I want to thank the entire House Democratic Staff who work so hard to provide us with all the information and resources we need to make good decisions. Anna, Rachelle, Jake, Steph, Kelsey, Bill, Dean, Brian, Dave, Alison, and Jessye. We couldn't do this job without you. Thanks to the members of my caucus for being patient with me during my first session as leader. Well, technically my third session if you count our first two special sessions. But still - your patience is appreciated. I learned a lot this year. I learned you can over prepare for caucus and still not feel prepared. I learned caucus can sometimes take a long time when I think it shouldn't or it can be really short when I think it won't. I learned my dream of starting caucus on time is a pipe dream, but I'm not going to let it go.

I learned that the heart and fight of my colleagues in the Democratic caucus runs deeper than I ever thought possible. When I gave my first speech as Minority Leader, I wondered what story we would tell Iowans - and the nation - about our great state. What do we value? How do we envision our future? How do we address the biggest challenges we face today? Iowa Democrats pledged to listen to the people and lead with our Iowa values. Democrats put aside politics and worked on several pieces of legislation to improve the everyday lives of Iowans.

- Fixing the workforce crisis and keeping the next generation in Iowa.
- Lowering costs and putting more money in the pockets of Iowans.
- Keeping public money in public schools.
- Addressing the affordable childcare and housing shortages.

I was hopeful on opening day that we could put aside politics and work to improve the everyday lives of Iowans. I'm sad to say it only lasted just a few minutes. Remember that first day? Nearly the same time I was speaking, the President of the Iowa Senate was giving his opening day remarks and launched an all out attack on some of the things we value most as Iowans: strong public schools and great teachers. He threatened teachers with jail, said they have a sinister agenda, and worked to ban books. The message he sent to public schools and teachers that day was unmistakable: we're coming for you. I knew that day this session was going to be all about politics when it's supposed to be all about people. *(continued)*



## CLOSING REMARKS REPRESENTATIVE KONFRST (FULL TEXT)(CONTINUED)

Investing \$300 million in public schools is about people. Giving \$300 million to corporations is about politics. Rewarding hard work and lowering costs for everyday lowans is about people. Tax cuts for millionaires are about politics. Lowering tuition for Iowa students is about people. Adding more college debt on the backs of students is about politics. Keeping the next generation in Iowa is for people. Attacking kids for who they are and making Iowa unwelcoming is politics.

I think we can all agree on one thing: it's been a long, difficult session. We're all tired and ready to move on. I can tell you lowans feel the same way. But I still have hope for next session and our future. Here's why. The people won the last battle we faced this session. A majority of lowans are opposed to the Governor's voucher scheme and a majority of us in this chamber listened to lowans and stood strong to represent the people we serve. It was a tough fight. We've all heard plenty of stories about it and I know that's only the half of it. The way this whole issue was handled was heavy-handed outside this chamber and, frankly, not a demonstration of good leadership. Good leaders who put people first don't hold meetings in secret and only listen to those who agree with her. Good leaders who put people first don't travel to our statehouse districts and intimidate trusted leaders in our communities to pressure us into giving her what she wants. Good leaders who put people first don't issue threats and recruit primaries against those in her own party when she doesn't get her way. The Governor failed because she was so busy playing politics she forgot to listen to all the people. And that's exactly what we're sent here to do. Listen to the people of Iowa.

We received thousands of emails, calls, and texts from lowans in all corners of the state asking us to vote no on the Governor's voucher plan. Even more lowans went to forums, signed petitions, and shared their opposition to vouchers on social media. On this issue, I'm proud that a majority of us stood strong to keep public money for public schools. We acted as we should - as an independent body that listens to the people and makes our own decisions, regardless of threats or intimidation. I'm not naive enough to think this voucher battle is over. But I do have hope that this chamber will stand again for people next session.

Before I close, I'd like to take a moment to recognize my colleagues across the aisle. It takes a lot of work to get things done here, to move session along, and I'm a big believer that things work more smoothly when we communicate with each other. I'd like to thank Leader Windschitl and Speaker Grassley for believing that, as well, and for keeping the lines of communication open on scheduling and planning. Because of what I consider to be a good relationship with you, we've been able to move things along and keep the focus on the issues, not the process or games. That's how it should work, and I appreciate your partnership.

To those of you retiring or moving on, your voices and perspectives and friendships will be missed in this chamber. So, we left a lot of work undone this session, and that's disappointing. I'm hopeful that next year we can put people over politics more than we did this year. I hope next session we can tell a different story. Until then, I wish you all a peaceful and productive summer and fall. If I'm given the honor of returning next session, I look forward to working together to do more for lowans in the best place in the capitol, the People's House.