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This week has rendered me, if not speechless, too taken aback to elaborate on the details. Suffice it to say, it was a beaut, and I am glad it is over. Between squabbles over taxes and federal deductibility, somewhere around 1000 protesters for and against the same-sex marriage decision, and budget wars lasting well into every night, and being totally funneled and pummeled, all I can say is here are the bills that are still alive and “in play” that we are working on for you and that, generally, we are in very good shape on our issues.

Have a wonderful Easter weekend and remember.... hope springs eternal.... maybe this next week will be adjournment week?

Senate File 474

A bill for an act relating to the bonding authorization of the state board of regents for flood repair, restoration, replacement, and mitigation at the state university of Iowa. (Formerly SSB 1325.)

Apr. 09 09 Subcommittee, Cohoon, Huseman, and Oldson. H.J. 1360.

Sponsored by Appropriations.

Senate File 389

A bill for an act relating to health care, health care providers, and health care coverage, providing penalties, and providing retroactive and other effective dates. (Formerly SF 48.)

Mar. 31 09 Fiscal note. HCS.

Sponsored by Human Resources.

House File 820

A bill for an act appropriating federal funds made available from federal block grants, federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding, and other federal grants, allocating portions of federal block grants, and providing procedures if federal funds are more or less than anticipated or if federal block grants are more or less than anticipated. (Formerly HSB 174)

Apr. 09 09 Placed on calendar under unfinished business. H.J. 1357.

Sponsored by Appropriations.

House File 811

A bill for an act relating to and making appropriations for health and human services and including other related provisions and appropriations, providing penalties, making penalties applicable and providing effective, retroactive, and applicability date provisions. (Formerly HSB 287)

Apr. 09 09 Passed House, ayes 56, nays 42. H.J. 1354.

Sponsored by Appropriations.

House File 807

A bill for an act relating to the individual income tax by providing for reduced tax rates, the elimination of federal deductibility, increasing the credits for elderly and blind individuals, increasing the amount of the earned income tax credit, and adjusting the eligibility for the child and dependent care tax credit and early childhood development tax credit and including a retroactive applicability date provision. (Formerly HSB 284)

Apr. 09 09 Placed on calendar under unfinished business. H.J. 1357.

Sponsored by Ways & Means.

House File 712

A bill for an act relating to a private cause of action for certain consumer fraud violations and providing an applicability provision. (Formerly HSB 80)

Apr. 09 09 Amendment H-1492 filed. H.J. 1361.

Sponsored by Judiciary.

House File 314

A bill for an act relating to health-related activities and regulation by the department of public health and making penalties applicable. Effective 7-01-09.

Apr. 02 09 Signed by Governor. [H.J. 1155](#).

Sponsored by Human Resources.

House File 234

A bill for an act requiring health insurance coverage for costs relating to mental health conditions, including alcohol or substance abuse treatment services. (Formerly [HF 139](#)) (Formerly [HSB 6](#))

Apr. 09 09 Placed on calendar under unfinished business. [H.J. 1357](#).

Sponsored by Human Resources.

House File 209

A bill for an act granting the civil rights commission additional subpoena power to investigate unfair or discriminatory practices and providing an effective date. (Formerly [HSB 28](#))

Apr. 09 09 Placed on calendar under unfinished business. [H.J. 1357](#).

Sponsored by Judiciary.

Education Bills

Senate File 470

A bill for an act relating to the funding of, the operation of, and appropriation of moneys to the college student aid commission, the department for the blind, the department of education, and the state board of regents, providing for related matters, and providing effective dates. (Formerly [SSB 1322](#).)

Apr. 07 09 Read first time, referred to Appropriations. [H.J. 1190](#).

Sponsored by Appropriations.

Senate File 445

A bill for an act relating to teacher compensation by requiring school corporations to incorporate teacher compensation into individual salary schedules and by eliminating the educational excellence program. (Formerly [SF 314](#).)

Apr. 06 09 Message from House. [S.J. 952](#).

Sponsored by Education.

Senate File 360

A bill for an act relating to the accreditation of school districts and nonpublic schools and the reorganization of school districts. (Formerly [SSB 1101](#).) Effective 7-1-09.

Apr. 09 09 Signed by Governor. [S.J. 1056](#).

Sponsored by Education.

Senate File 359

A bill for an act relating to the establishment and implementation of a statewide writing assessment for public school students in grades three, six, and ten. (Formerly [SSB 1016](#).)

Mar. 23 09 Subcommittee, Dvorsky and Kettering. [S.J. 781](#).

Sponsored by Education.

Senate File 270

A bill for an act transferring the authority to register postsecondary schools from the secretary of state to the college student aid commission and providing for related matters, and making penalties applicable. (Formerly [SSB 1207](#).) Effective 7-1-09.

Mar. 16 09 Signed by Governor. [S.J. 676](#).

Sponsored by Education.

Senate File 177

A bill for an act relating to requirements for school districts providing transportation to students participating in open enrollment. (Formerly [SSB 1175](#).) Effective 7-1-09.

Mar. 23 09 Signed by Governor. [S.J. 839](#).

Sponsored by Education.

Senate File 137

A bill for an act providing that wage discrimination is an unfair employment practice under the Iowa civil rights Act and providing an enhanced remedy. (Formerly [SSB 1089](#).)

Apr. 07 09 Senate amendment [H-1453](#) filed. [H.J. 1252](#).

Sponsored by State Government.

Senate File 81

A bill for an act relating to assisting schools to recover from disaster by changing the approval method for transfers of emergency fund moneys, by modifying certain funding provisions to relate to disaster recovery, and by allowing area education agency boards greater authority to purchase and lease-purchase property. (Formerly SSB 1013.)

Apr. 09 09 Message from Senate. H.J. 1294.

Sponsored by Education.

House File 820

A bill for an act appropriating federal funds made available from federal block grants, federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding, and other federal grants, allocating portions of federal block grants, and providing procedures if federal funds are more or less than anticipated or if federal block grants are more or less than anticipated. (Formerly HSB 174)

Apr. 09 09 Placed on calendar under unfinished business. H.J. 1357.

Sponsored by Appropriations.

House File 739

A bill for an act providing for a state research and development prekindergarten through grade twelve school. (Formerly HF 565)

Mar. 19 09 Subcommittee, Cohoon, Huseman, and Wenthe. H.J. 905.

Sponsored by Education.

House File 732

A bill for an act relating to the duties and operations of the department of education and local school boards. (Formerly HSB 22)

Mar. 26 09 Amendment H-1323 filed. H.J. 1051.

Sponsored by Education.

House File 687

A bill for an act relating to certain reporting requirements or actions required of the department of education, school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and community colleges. Effective 7-01-09.

Apr. 09 09 Signed by Governor. H.J. 1358.

Sponsored by Education.

House File 282

A bill for an act relating to the funding of school district programs for returning dropouts and dropout prevention. (Formerly HSB 3)

Mar. 17 09 Committee report, recommending passage. H.J. 850.

Sponsored by Education.

House File 259

A bill for an act relating to the compulsory school attendance age and providing effective dates. (Formerly HF 40)

Mar. 31 09 Referred to Ways & Means. H.J. 1092.

Sponsored by Education.

House File 233

A bill for an act relating to the disposition of school property and providing an effective date. (Formerly HSB 4) Effective 3-13-09.

Mar. 13 09 Signed by Governor. H.J. 816.

Sponsored by Education.

House File 221

A bill for an act exempting the instructional support property tax levy of a school district from being collected as part of the incremental taxes paid to a municipality for an urban renewal area and providing for the Act's applicability.

Feb. 19 09 Subcommittee, Reasoner, Shomshor, and Struyk. H.J. 505.

Sponsored by Schueller.

House File 214

A bill for an act establishing the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children and providing an effective date. Effective 3-26-09.

Mar. 26 09 Signed by Governor. H.J. 1052.

Sponsored by Veterans Affairs.

House File 156

A bill for an act providing an appropriation for a pilot project to implement a child care center that operates twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

Feb. 11 09 Subcommittee, Heddens, Gayman, and Heaton. H.J. 367.

Sponsored by Reichert.

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