

Under the Golden Dome #12

As we leave the Capitol this week, we finished a marathon of 12 weeks. The Second funnel was fairly intense with many conversations across the Rotunda. Until this week we rarely saw Senators in the House Chamber and I hadn't spent much time in the Senate. I also saw more cross-party collaboration than any time in the past 12 weeks.

The push was to get Senate bills through a House Committee and House bills through a Senate Committee. The next step will be to bring those surviving bills to a vote on the floor of the House or Senate.

Several pieces of legislation were set aside until next January with interim committees assigned to "work out the bugs". Other bills were moved to "Ways & Means" to survive the survive the funnel.

Have a wonderful weekend. Stay watchful of the weather! Cindy



One major accomplishment was the passage and signing of the Rural Emergency Hospital bill. This legislation is critical for our rural communities – giving them access to emergency healthcare facilities.

House Republicans Release Budget Target

- House Republicans released our budget target for Fiscal Year 2024.
- Our big budget target is \$8.58 billion. This number is roughly \$90 million above the Governor's and Senate's number. There are two main reasons for this.
 - o Our number accounts for the appropriations already passed this session including the increased funding for public schools to 3% SSA.
 - Our number also includes nearly \$50 million more to address other priorities important to Iowans.

House Republicans list of additional priorities:

- Medicaid Reimbursement Increases:
 - Nursing homes
 - Mental Health Providers
 - Substance Abuse Treatment
- Training and Recruiting Skilled Workforce
- Recruiting & Retaining Corrections Officers
- Funding other bills we already passed



Paul and Nathan Nederheiser visited the Capitol.



Rick Green of Biblical Citizenship with Cherial Bryant.



Courtney Williams and her children advocating for the sale of fresh milk.



Meeting with Grant Wood AEA.



Community Bankers of Iowa Legislative Reception.



Discussing inportant issues with Representaive Sherman and Brett Mason.



Pella's 2023 Tulip Queen and her Court sang for the House Chamber.