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UNDER THE GOLDEN DOME:

This Week at the Capitol: Highlights:

Government Oversight Committee: Explicit Books in Schools Meeting Two

- In its first hearing, five Iowa moms shared their experience of discovering then challenging books in their child's school that contained pornographic material and overt sexual content.
- This week the administrators from those same school districts explained the review process used to determine retention or removal of those books.
- The opponents to this legislative review process have called it "Book Burning." So, let me be clear - we're talking about explicit images and extremely graphic passages of sexual acts.
- Here are just a few of the many titles in school libraries or required reading:
 - o **Let's Talk About It** - contains sexually explicit illustrations
 - o **Gender Queer** - contains graphic illustrations of oral sex.
 - o **Push** - contains detailed and disturbing instances of incest and sexual molestation.
- **It is my position** that there is no justification for this material to belong in a public school. The material was so offensive that it could not even be shown on news stations as the meetings were broadcast.
- These hearings have been very informative and have strengthened the resolve of House Republicans to rid schools of pornography and give parents a clear and efficient path to challenge a book they don't think belongs.

Carbon Sequestration (CO2 pipeline) Update:

On Tuesday, Feb 22, hundreds of people from around Iowa came to the Capitol for a rally around Land Owner Rights. They met on the Capitol steps to hear speakers then spent time educating legislators about the problems surrounding carbon sequestration, eminent domain and destruction of Iowa's prime farmland. Several House and Senate bills have been filed but not all will be heard.

HF 368: Protecting Landowner Rights

- This week, House Republicans moved a bill forward to create additional protections for landowners as three major CO2 pipeline projects are in the works in Iowa.

- **This bill:**

- o Requires carbon capture pipeline companies to reach voluntary easements for 90% of the land on their route before they could seek to use eminent domain.

- o Grants landowners the right to sue companies for damages caused by pipelines to things like drainage, soil compaction and irrigation systems.

- o Requires CO2 pipeline companies to get all necessary permits in other states before attempting to use eminent domain in Iowa.

- This bill has passed subcommittee and is making its way through the process. Many of the ideas in the current language were brought to the legislature by the Iowa Farm Bureau.

HF342: Removing Eminent Domain

- This bill has been assigned to Judiciary

- It allows the IUB to regulate hazardous liquid pipelines but removes eminent domain authority.

I am one of several co-signers on HF 368 and the originator of HF 342. Click on the links above to follow the bills.



Rep. Golding speaking on HF 333, giving citizens more time to file a complaint to deal with open records and open meeting violations. It passed 95-0.



Iowa State University Day on the Hill with Cy.



Cedar Rapids Jefferson HS, iJAG student, Skye Luckett and her teacher Ms. Eisenmann visited the Capitol.



Folks from around Iowa opposing the CO2 Pipeline.



The Iowa School for the Deaf (ISD)/Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (IESBVI).

Working Toward Improved Election Integrity

Iowa utilizes the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) to maintain clean and accurate voter lists. ERIC's operating costs are funded entirely by annual dues paid by the member states. This partnership with 30 other states helps us identify deceased voters, voters who have moved both in state and out of state, and voters who might have cast a ballot in more than one state during an election.

ERIC is an effective tool for ensuring the integrity of Iowa's voter rolls, and the Iowa Legislature agreed and made our membership in ERIC a state law in 2021. In less than one year, the program helped Iowa identify more than 1,300 deceased voters who were not included in the Iowa Department of Public Health's data. ERIC does not have access to Iowa's voter registration system and does not make changes to Iowa's voter rolls. List maintenance activity, including changes to voter records, are done entirely by local and state election officials.

Have a great weekend, Cindy



Every experience God gives us, every person He puts in our lives, is the perfect preparation for the future that only He can see.

- Corrie Ten Boom