



Under the Golden Dome #16

Hi Friends,

Well, what was supposed to be our last week...isn't! While it's not surprising, it is disappointing. There was so much "hurry up and wait" last week and now we've been told that there isn't time to run some VERY IMPORTANT legislation. A critical House bill that passed with overwhelming bipartisan support is being held up in the Senate.

[HF565](#) – the Property Rights bill that will address the eminent domain issue surrounding CO2 pipelines and other private enterprise projects that seek to take private property through eminent domain.

Other bills that passed either the House or the Senate and have been assigned to the various Appropriations Committees will be coming out with many changes. The House Property Tax bill, which passed almost unanimously, is being reviewed and modified by the Senate. We will have property tax reform, but it will look different than what I described in my last newsletter. This is how compromise works. We may not get everything we want, but we will make progress!

Senate File 542 – Youth Employment Opportunity

There has been quite a bit of misinformation about this bill. We recognized that many youth and their parents were seeking opportunities for young people to gain life skills necessary for their future success. This bill eliminates needless regulations and adds common sense work activities to what a teenager can do on the job. Some examples: operating a microwave, doing laundry, or unloading groceries.

- Working a job or participating in a work-based learning program helps teenagers learn valuable life skills, save for the future, and explore possible career paths.
- This bill allows more flexibility in work schedules and work activities for teenagers. Remember, this doesn't force anyone to work anywhere.
- Iowa code still has requirements for safety, and appropriate training and supervision baked into every work environment for the teen.

- Teenagers will not be allowed to serve alcohol at bars. However, 16 and 17-year-olds will be allowed to serve alcohol at a restaurant, if it is during the hours that the restaurant is serving food, there are at least two adults present to supervise, and the employer has consent from the employee's parents.
- Employees under 16 will be allowed to work until 9 pm during the school year and until 11 pm during the summer. The previous limit of 7 pm prevented many employers from hiring teenagers. For example, 7 pm is during the dinner rush for any food establishment, making hiring a teenager difficult, even though it can serve as a great first job for many people. Additionally, many teenagers' school sports or activities keep them out past 7 pm.

A Few Special Moments in Waning Days of Session 2023



A great group of friends.
Rep. Charley Thomson, Rep. Mark Thompson, Nancy (the lunch lady),
Rep. Bill Gustoff, me, Rep. Helena Hayes



Bobby Pate founder of Image 4 Lives.



Some of my grandkids at the state house.

*Hoping to have a special “END of SESSION “ report next week. Until then.....
Stay in touch.*

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Have a great weekend!

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