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Under the Golden Dome Week #14 & 15- 2024

Dear Friends,

These last two weeks have been a scrambled mess! As this was my first experience with the end of a two-year General Assembly, several veterans of this process warned me that my policy of reading every bill before voting would be very difficult. That was an understatement!

As you may know, State Representatives are elected for 2-year terms and State Senators serve for 4 years. Each two-year term is called a General Assembly. My "freshman" term started in 2023 for the 90th General Assembly. At the end of 2023, a bill could be put on the "Unfinished Business" calendar to stay viable for the second year of the 90th General Assembly. In contrast, the end of session this year marked the end of the 90th General Assembly. That means any bill not passed by both Chambers dies at the session.

Here's where things get "tricky." Something that didn't pass the House or Senate might get put on as an amendment at the last minute. Policy bills that failed in one committee might end up as an amendemnt on a bill in some other committee. Some amendments showed up in the wee hours of the morning. As I've noted in the past, "The Devil is in the Details!"

I'll give a summary of the accomplishments and disappointments next week - when the dust settles.

Some Highlights of Iowa House Week #14 & 15

HF 2681 - Regulation of Traffic Cameras

This has been a hot topic throughout the state. This bill allows the continuation of camera use but the process will be strictly regulated and permitted by the Department of Transportation.

Waiting Governor's signature

SF 641 - Including Veterans in the Small Business Ivestment Program

I was honored to floor manage this bill which gives veterans the opportunity to participate in the Small Business Investment Program. The business must be at least 51% owned by a veteran.

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HF 2618 - **Early Literacy Bill** (details in Week #13)

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SF 2340 - Allowing Iowa to Defend itself from Illegal Aliens (details in Week #11)

Signed by Governor

SF 2204 - **Protecting Iowa Farmland from Foreign ownership** (details in Week #8)

Signed by the Governor

HR 116 - Resolution Honoring Kirkwood Women's Basketball Team & Coach Muhl

Head coach Kim Muhl led the Kirkwood Community College Women's basketball team to each of their 9 national titles and was named the region 114 coach of the year for the 22nd time in his career. (see photos below)

Many other bills were passed pertaining to administrative duties and addressing the details of the government reorganization that was accomplished last session.

A Founding Father's Quote for today

"A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned — this is the sum of good government." —

Thomas Jefferson

First Inaugural Address, 1801

How will you choose to get involved? Here's an opportunity See the invitation for "War on Children" below.

I am running once again so that I may continue as a voice for rural and small town Iowa. Many of the issues that come before the House need the perspective that differs from the perspectives of our larger neighbors. I provide that rural/small town outlook. I always listen, and I respect your opinion.

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. Please stay in touch!

Go to <u>CinayGolaing.com</u> or Email me at <u>cindy.golding@legis.iowa.gov</u> or Call me at 319-360-1028 Have a wonderful week!

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Governor signing SF 2204 - Protecting IA Farmground



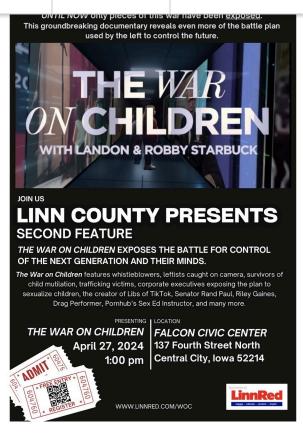
Rep. Barb Kniff-McCulla and I visit with ISU President Dr. Wendy Wintersteen



Kirkwood Women's Basketball Team



Great group of young Iowans learning about the process of government



the bills passed in the 90th General Assembly were related to education, Please join us. Tickets are FREE, but registration is required.

To Register CLICK

Please register for April 27 showing of The War on Children at 1:00pm



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