



Nick's News from the
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Fourth week of the 83rd General Assembly

This week my first pieces of sponsored legislation were introduced to the floor. I am the main sponsor of **HF 217**, a bill that would allow county supervisors to lower their pay without lowering the pay of the other county elected officials. Many Linn County Representatives co-sponsored this bill along side me. In addition I co-sponsored **HF 205**, along with Kraig Paulsen and Renee Schulte, which provides for the recall of local elected officials including county supervisors, city council members, school board members, and local board members if they are elected by a vote of the citizens. We have been working on these bills since the beginning of the legislative session as all three of us have had requests for such measures from our constituents both recently and in the past. We have all received many positive comments on these bills, I appreciate your support. It is always good to hear from you!

Representatives Seek Input from Iowans on the Budget

On Monday, Iowa House Republicans announced the launch of a new feature on the caucus website designed to encourage you to input ideas for budget savings. The web page address is:

<http://iowahouserepublicans.com/contact/budget-savings-ideas>

This site is part of our plan to bring more truth and transparency to Iowans. I have promised to dive into budgets to find waste and cost-saving measures and continue to do so. With this addition to the website, I am hoping that you will help us find ways to cut costs. As of Tuesday, we had already received more than 200 budget saving ideas. We will compile all of the ideas and present them to the budget subcommittees as the Legislature moves through the budget process this session.

Also on Monday, the nonpartisan Fiscal Services Division released the general fund revenue numbers through the first seven months of the fiscal year. Actual revenue decreased by \$16.7 million, or -0.5 percent, which is equal to the December Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) estimate. Some income tax revenue should have been accounted for in December but was pushed into January due to a software upgrade. Without this positive change in December, the January income tax growth would have been near zero and actual revenue would have been well below the REC estimate.

With this being true, we are in need of cost saving ideas more than ever. Please visit this site and let me know your insights and we'll continue to look for ideas as well.

Capitol Visitors



Mathew Kanour, Rishabh Nath, Rep. Wagner



Rep. Schulte, with members of REM Iowa, Rep. Wagner

This week I had the pleasure to meet with students representing the Iowa Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) as well as members of REM Iowa from Linn County. It was great discussing their respective organizations and learning more about how lives are impacted by the work of Iowa programs, as well as answering their questions on what we really do here at the capitol.

P.S. We received an e-mail this week warning about rodents in the capitol; hopefully they weren't referring to us lawmakers!



Committee News

Commerce

Presentation by the Iowa State Division of Banking

Local Government (Ranking Member)

Consideration and passage of SF 45

Transportation

Presentation by Iowa Department of Transportation

Ways and Means

Cancelled

House Vote

Thursday morning the house passed **HF 180** with a vote 95-0. **HF 180** is an act providing for the development of a complaint response process by the superintendent of credit unions and relating to the confidentiality of information obtained during the course of that process.

For a full text of this bill please visit:

<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/>

Once you are on the site type in **HF 180** in the Quick Find search in the upper right hand corner.