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City of Des Moines Legislative Update of the 81st General Assembly

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I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk

City of Des Moines

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

March 20, 2006

Both the House and the Senate approved a ban on video lottery machines. The Senate voted 40-10 to ban the machines while the House voted 80-18. The bill now goes to Governor Vilsack. He can sign it into law, veto it or let it become law without signing it.

March 3, 2006 marked the first funnel for the State Legislature. Bills impacting the City that survived the funnel include:

MAJOR BILLS OF INTEREST THAT SURVIVED THE FUNNEL

HOUSE

Bill: HF2027 ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE FUND
Sponsor: Wise
Description: Creates an economic enterprise area infrastructure fund to assist in building infrastructure in economic enterprise areas. Appropriates \$5 million in RIF for the fund. (Economic Growth)

Bill: HF2049 SENIOR PROPERTY TAX FREEZE
Sponsor: Bukta
Description: Freezes the assessed value of a homestead for a senior if the person has an income below the maximum amount (twice the income needed to qualify for an additional homestead credit. (Ways & Means)

Bill: HF 2152 ANNEXATION TAXES
Sponsor: Paulsen
Description: Requires cities to impose the statutory schedule of taxes on annexed territories, or if imposing an alternative exemption schedule, the alternative exemptions must be the same or greater than the statutory exemptions. (Ways & Means)

Bill: HF2227 HISTORIC TAX CREDIT
Sponsor: Rants, et al
Description: Allows a local enterprise zone commission and the DED to approve an investment tax credit for 10% of certain rehabilitation costs of a historic property, depending on the use of the property, and for a

refund of sales tax. Requires that a qualified historic property be assessed on its productive and earning capacity for property taxes. (Ways & Means)

Bill: HF2257 FRANCHISE TAXES
Sponsor: Thomas
Description: Reenacts the annual appropriation of \$8.8 million of state franchise tax revenues and its allocation to cities and counties, to commence with FY 2007 (Ways & Means)

Bill: HF 2351 EMINENT DOMAIN
Sponsor: Judiciary; Successor to HF 2120
Description: Limits the use of eminent domain. Adopts definitions for public purpose and public improvement. Requires notice similar to the notice for the condemnation for agricultural land, for all land. Strikes the condemnation of agricultural land for industrial purposes. Requires agencies to offer the appraisal price increased by certain expenses. Contains a number of other provisions on eminent domain.

Bill: HF2501 APARTMENT ASSESSMENT
Sponsor: Struyk, Huser & McCarthy
Description: Establishes that apartment buildings shall be assessed as residential property, defines "apartment building," and applies retroactively to January 1, 2006. (W&M)

Bill: HF2536 TIF DISTRICTS
Sponsor: Struyk, et. al.
Description: Authorizes cities with a local sales and services tax to establish a TIF district by ordinance. Requires project owners to invest at least \$5 million and restricts project from being a casino or mall. Allows the city to enter into an agreement with DED to receive assistance for the increase in state taxes collected by retail establishments in the district. (Ways & Means)

Bill: HSB 670 CABLE FRANCHISES
Sponsor: Commerce
Description: Requires a person receive a certificate of franchise authority from the Secretary of State in order to offer cable service. Does not require current provider who have a franchise agreement with a city to get a certificate until the current agreement ends. Contains related provisions. See SSB 3146

Bill: HSB 700 ELECTRICIAN LICENSING
Sponsor: State Government

Description: Creates a statewide license system for electricians and life safety installers to supplement the current city licensing system, and allows electricians to practice statewide or locally. Establishes the licensing system and inspection fees. Creates 10-member Electrical Examining Board in the office of the State Fire Marshal in the DPS. Contains other provisions. See SSB 3187 Drake (C), Hutter, Lensing, Quirk, Tomenga

Bill: **HSB 709 APARTMENTS & TRAILER TAXES**

Sponsor: Ways & Means

Description: Lowers the taxable value of commercial properties that are apartments, mobile homes or a land-leased community, or an assisted living facility from 2007 to 2009 until the taxable value of the property equal to the value for residential property. Huser (C), Shomshor, Struyk, Van Fossen Some similarities to SSB 3124.

SENATE

Bill: **SF2142 VIDEO LOTTERY PROHIBITION**

Sponsor: Kibbie, et al

Description: Prohibits the Lottery from using video lottery machines (monitor vending machines). Defines a "monitor vending machine". (State Government)

Bill: **SF2147 ENTERPRISE ZONE BUSINESSES**

Sponsor: Angelo

Description: Makes a business an eligible for the enterprise zone program if the business is partially located in the zone. (Economic Growth)

Bill: **SF2156 HISTORIC PROPERTY TAX CREDIT**

Sponsor: Warnstadt, et al

Description: Allows a local enterprise zone commission and the DED to approve an investment tax credit for 10% of certain rehabilitation costs of a historic property, depending on the use of the property, and for a refund of sales tax. Requires that a qualified historic property be assessed on its productive and earning capacity for property taxes. See HSB 596 (Ways & Means)

Bill: **SF 2183 ENTERPRISE ZONES**

Sponsor: Economic Growth; Successor to SF 77

Description: Allows a city or a county to create an enterprise zone of up to four square miles if the area is blighted and within one mile of three of the following: a commercial airport, a barge terminal or navigable river, entry to an interstate or to part of the commercial and industrial highway network. Requires certification by the DED.

Bill: **SSB 3047 PROPERTY TAX REFORM**
Sponsor: Ways & Means
Description: Rollback: Ends the limitation on assessments. Sets a schedule for when industrial and commercial land are valued at 100% of market value, when agricultural land will be valued at 100% of productivity, and when residential property is valued at 50% of market value (2011). Assesses residences worth \$20,000 or less at full value but subtracts \$10,000 from the assessment. Assesses the one acre around a farmhouse as residential. Budgets: Strikes various levy limits but limits the amount that a county can levy by an annual price index inflation factor. Allows a city or county to increase the limitation by holding a hearing. Allows the increase to be subject to an election. Specifies additional information to be published by cities and counties. Other: Requires an on-site inspection at least once every 10 years. Makes changes to the assessment calendar. Makes the military tax credit a \$35 credit, appropriates additional money for the agricultural land credit, and repeals other credits. Creates a task force to report on implementation. Quirnbach & Zieman (C), Bolkcom, Connolly, Miller, Wieck, Zieman

Bill: **SSB 3124 APARTMENTS & TRAILER TAXES**
Sponsor: Ways & Means
Description: Lowers the taxable value of commercial properties that are apartments, mobile homes or a land-leased community from 2007 to 2010 by 10% a year until the taxable value of the property is 50% of the assessed value. Wieck & Connolly (C), Bolkcom, Miller, Quirnbach, Zieman

Bill: **SSB 3129 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS**
Sponsor: Local Government
Description: Requires cities to comply with contract letting procedures when a public improvement raises the threshold amount to \$100,000. Allows cities to release all retained funds on a public improvement if the improvement is substantially completed. Requires that the city pay interest if the retained amounts are not paid out in a timely fashion. Shull & Quirnbach (C), McCoy, Putney

Bill: **SSB 3146 CABLE FRANCHISES**
Sponsor: Commerce
Description: Requires a person receive a certificate of franchise authority from the Secretary of State in order to offer cable service. Does not require current provider who have a franchise agreement with a city to get a certificate until the current agreement ends. Contains related provisions. Behn & Warnstadt (C), Courtney, McCoy, McKinley, Zaun

Bill: SSB 3180 VIDEO LOTTERY BAN
Sponsor: Government Oversight
Description: Bans the use of monitor vending machines (video lottery). Allows retailers to continue to use the machines for 30 days after the effective date of the bill. Effective on enactment. Lundby & Courtney

OTHER BILLS IMPACTING THE CITY THAT SURVIVED THE FUNNEL

HOUSE

Bill: HF2043 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREAS
Sponsor: Wise
Description: Allows an economic enterprise area in counties with a city that has 27,500 people and requires the enterprise area to meet only two of the three current criteria for such areas. (Economic Growth)

Bill: HF 2081 MILITARY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT
Sponsor: Dix, et al
Description: Reduces the active duty service requirement for the military property tax credit to 18 months. (Veteran's Affairs)

Bill: HF 2172 LINE OF DUTY BENEFITS
Sponsor: Huser, et al
Description: Presumes the heart attack or stroke death of a public safety provider under PORS, IPERS, and MFPRSI, is a result of a traumatic personal injury and compensable as a line of duty death benefit if the provider dies within 24 hours of non-routine, stressful or strenuous physical activity. Allows the presumption to be overcome by medical evidence. Makes up any shortfall in the line of duty benefit if the retirement system is not responsible for all \$100,000. Makes a payment for a volunteer emergency worker from the Volunteer EMS death benefit, and not from one of the retirement systems, even if the provider was a member of one of the retirement systems. (State Government)

Bill: HF2245 IPERS CHANGES
Sponsor: State Government; Successor to HSB 536
Description: Makes changes to IPERS, including coupling with the IRS on the maximum amount in an account that can be cashed out without establishing a rollover account, makes reporting deadlines consistent, maintaining the current method of determining final average salary rather than switching in 2008, allows sheriffs and deputies to count time in any protection occupation as eligible service. *Floor Manager:* Drake

Bill: HF2283 ELEVATOR CODES
Sponsor: Commerce; Successor to HSB 540
Description: Makes a provision of the elevator code supersede a conflicting provision in the building codes. *Floor Manager:* Wilderdyke

Bill: HF 2369 NOXIOUS EXPOSURE DISABILITY
Sponsor: Baudler
Description: Entitles a police officer who retires because of exposure to noxious fumes, such as those found in meth labs, to receive accidental disability benefits, if the officer's death or disability occurs within five years of the exposure. Effective on enactment and retroactive for five years.

Bill: HF 2392 INVESTMENT TAX CREDITS
Sponsor: Dandekar, Huser, & Struyk
Description: Establishes a tax credit of 20% of the investment in a certified targeted small business. Caps the maximum amount of a tax credit for an investment by an investor in any one qualifying business at \$50,000. Allows an investor to claim tax credits for no more than 5 different investments in 5 different qualifying businesses. Caps the total credits in one FY at \$500,000. (EG)

Bill: HF 2409 HOTEL TAX INCREASE
Sponsor: Ford
Description: Allows a city or county with the maximum hotel tax rate of 7% to raise that tax by an additional 2% without an election. Requires that any funding raised under this tax be used to comply with the Targeted Small Business Procurement Act. (Ways & Means)

Bill: HF 2444 MINOR ALCOHOL NOTIFICATION
Sponsor: Alons, et al.
Description: Strikes provisions which allow a police officer or law enforcement agency to not notify the parents of a minor charged with an alcohol offense if the officer or agency determines that notice will endanger the minor or is not in the minor's best interest. (Public Safety)

Bill: HF2511 CLAIM REPORTING
Sponsor: Local Government; Successor to HF 2134)
Description: Allows two or more claims from a single vendor to be listed as a consolidated claim by a city, county or other public agency which must report such claims. *FM:* Schickel

Bill: HF2513 CAMPAIGN TECHNICAL CHANGES
Sponsor: State Government; Successor to HSB 535

Description: Makes technical changes and eliminates outdated provisions, including setting the reimbursement rate for campaign mileage as the rate established by the IRS, and other matters. *FM:* Roberts

Bill: **HF2522 FILING FEES**

Sponsor: Judiciary; Successor to HF 2231

Description: Exempts state and local governments from being assessed a fee of \$25 for filing a praecipe to issue execution. *Floor Manager:* Jim Van Fossen

Bill: **HF2524 CRIMINAL TRESPASS**

Sponsor: Public Safety; Successor to HF 2228

Description: Makes a fifth offense for knowingly trespassing a serious misdemeanor. *Floor Manager:* McCarthy

Bill: **HF2546 URBAN DEER LIABILITY**

Sponsor: Natural Resources; Successor to HF 2056

Description: Gives landowners who allow bow hunting on their property to control urban deer limited immunity. Does not give immunity for a malicious failure to warn hunters of possible dangers. Requires the city to adopt an ordinance on urban deer control and requires the DNR to approve it. Adopts definitions for urban deer control and other issues. *Floor Manager:* Jim Van Fossen

Bill: **HF2596 ETHICAL PRINCIPLES**

Sponsor: Ethics; Successor to HSB698

Description: Sets out ethical principles of public service for public officials. *Floor Manager:* Schickel

Bill: **HSB 512 DEFINED PENSION CONTRIBUTION**

Sponsor: State Government

Description: Requires the Treasurer to establish a defined contribution plan as an option to IPERS by July, 2007. Establishes rules on members, a review board, plan qualifications, and other related matters. Drake (C), Elgin, Jochum, Kurtenbach, Tomenga, T. Taylor, Wendt

Bill: **HSB 527 ALCOHOL LICENSE SUSPENSIONS**

Sponsor: Public Safety

Description: Allows a license holder to reduce a license suspension time for selling to minors 1/2 if the license holder buys a drivers license verification device. Chambers (C), McCarthy, Sands

Bill: **HSB 529 DISPOSING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

Sponsor: Public Safety

Description: Allows a Law enforcement agency to destroy amounts of marijuana seized in a case in excess of 10 pounds, or in excess of 1 pound for

other substances. Establishes procedures, including photographing the substance, and notifying a person arrested in conjunction with the seized substance. Eichhorn (C), R Olson, Tjepkes

Bill: HSB 542 HOME ENERGY STANDARDS
Sponsor: Commerce
Description: Requires the state Building Code Commissioner to adopt energy conservation requirements for home construction based upon a nationally recognized standard. See HF 2079
Wilderdyke (C), Quirk, Watts (DPS)

Bill: HSB 548 EVIDENCE GATHERING
Sponsor: Judiciary
Description: Allows a previous conviction, or deferral, for public intoxication, possession of a controlled substance or certain theft offenses, to be considered as a separate previous conviction if the violator had commits another offense after the first is entered into judgment. Allows a blood test to be done on a person suspected of an OWI offense that caused death or serious injury without the consent of the person. Kaufmann (C), Paulsen, Swaim

Bill: HSB 681 VEHICLE IMPOUNDMENT
Sponsor: Judiciary
Description: Requires a police officer to impound a car if the car is being driven by someone with a revoked or suspended license. Makes the minimum period of impoundment 30 days and limits the charges to \$15 a day. Allows the owner to the vehicle to redeem it by paying all charges, and if the owner was the driver with the suspended license, requires the owner to show the reinstatement of driving privileges. Requires that notice be given to a rental company if the car is a rental. Exempts the car from provisions which deem a car left impounded for more than 10 days as abandoned. Some similarities to SF 2110. Hutter (C), Kaufmann, Wessel-Kroeschell

SENATE

Bill: SF 2038 DISABLED VETERANS HOMESTEAD
Sponsor: Lamberti
Description: Freezes the property tax for the homestead of disabled veterans. Requires the vet to apply for the credit annually. (Commerce)

Bill: SF 2047 RECREATIONAL SALES TAX
Sponsor: Warnstadt & Wieck
Description: Changes the requirement that cities and counties charge sales tax on services they provide for participating in athletics to a requirement

that they collect sales tax on organized athletic sports sponsored by the city or county. (Ways & Means)

Bill: SF 2100 COUNTY EMERGENCY LEVY
Sponsor: Danielson
Description: Creates the option of a countywide levy directly imposed by a local emergency management commission to fund the commission budget. (Local Government) See HF 2090

Bill: SF2163 BUDGET PROTESTS
Sponsor: Local Government; Successor to SF 257
Description: Requires that a protest to a city or county budget describe the item being protested, and limits a hearing on the protest to the described item.

Bill: SF 2182 TRUCK REGISTRATION E-85
Sponsor: Transportation; Successor to SSB 3025
Description: Makes trucks under 7,500 pounds subject to the same registration fees as cars for model years 2008 and later.

Bill: SF 2194 CLAIM REPORTING
Sponsor: Local Government; Successor to SF 2072
Description: Allows two or more claims from a single vendor to be listed as a consolidated claim by a city, county or other public agency which must report such claims. Requires the reason for the claim to be specified. *Floor Manager:* Zaun

Bill: SF 2199 YEARS OF SERVICE
Sponsor: State Government; Successor to SF 2018
Description: Makes changes regarding the purchase of years of service under IPERS and PORS.

Bill: SF 2220 LIGHTS & WIPER FINES
Sponsor: Transportation; Successor to SSB 3079
Description: Establishes a \$20 fine for failing to have a car's headlights on when the wipers are in continuous operation.

Bill: SF 2227 DISABLED VETERANS PROPERTY TAXES
Sponsor: Stewart, et al
Description: Freezes the property taxes of a disabled veteran. Defines disabled veteran, and effective upon enactment. SF 2227 (Ways & Means) SF 2228 (State Government)

Bill: SF 2236 DEFIBRILATOR GRANTS
Sponsor: Beall, et al

Description: Creates a grant program for advanced level defibrillators for fire departments and ambulance, rescue and first responders. Requires that the users of the equipment receive advanced training and that the local agency have 25% in matching funds. (Appropriations)

Bill: **SF2265 DEFERRED RETIREMENT**

Sponsor: State Government; Successor to SSB 3179

Description: Establishes a deferred retirement option plan for MFPRSI members who are at least 55 and have at least 22 years of service. Allows the retirement allowance for a member to be set at a specific level, with any additional retirement allowances being set aside in a separate account. Contains other related provisions.

Bill: **SF2296 DOG LIABILITY**

Sponsor: Judiciary; Successor to SSB3200

Description: Strikes the ability of a person to kill a dog that is wearing a collar with a rabies tag when the dog is caught worrying a domestic animal or fowl. Strikes the liability of a dog owner for damages related to worrying domestic animal but makes the owner liable for damages if the dog is caught chasing a domestic animal.

Bill: **SSB3003 CRIMINAL DONATIONS**

Sponsor: Judiciary

Description: Prohibits requiring a donation to an agency or a local government as part of any dismissal or sentence of a criminal offender. Kreiman (C), McKibben, Dvorsky, Ward (Judicial Branch)

Bill: **SSB3085 CITY & COUNTY SPENDING**

Sponsor: Ways & Means

Description: Spending: Requires a city or county to hold a public hearing and approve a resolution before increasing the amount of property taxes collected. Requires cities and counties to reducing funding for non-essential services before reducing spending for essential services. Requires that the city or county inform persons in the budget summary on any reductions to essential services. Defines essential services. Other: Requires 100 signatures to protest a county budget and strikes other signature requirements. Abolishes county compensation boards and gives those duties to elected officials. Miller & Quirnbach (C), Bolkcom, Connolly, Wieck, Zieman (DPH)

Bill: **SSB 3160 GOVERNMENT COMPETITION**

Sponsor: Government Oversight

Description: Strikes provision allowing injunctive relief to stop unfair competition by government entities with private businesses. Gives the Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board jurisdiction to adjudicate violations including issuing cease and desist orders; orders for remedial actions

or \$2,000 in civil penalties. Authorizes judicial review and enforcement. Lundby (C), Connolly

Bill: **SSB 3197 CONCRETE FACILITIES**
Sponsor: Ways & Means
Description: Deems that machinery, equipment and fixtures used to process raw materials into concrete are not buildings subject to the property tax. Effective retroactive to January 1, 2005. Danielson & Zieman (C), McCoy, Wieck See HF 2441

Bill: **SSB3224 POLICE FUNDRAISING**
Sponsor: State Government
Description: Establishes requirements related to fundraising activities for peace officers. Requires that the fundraising activities be organized and based within the state, and that amounts raised benefit members of the association or public safety. Requires annual reports to the DPS. Requires the DPS to establish rules on fundraising and to report to the Legislature on fundraising activities.

Bill: **SSB3231 SOLID WASTE COMBUSTION**
Sponsor: Natural Resources
Description: Places combustion with energy recovery as a higher preference above other approved techniques of solid waste management. Kettering 7 Schoenjahn

Bill: **SSB3243 LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION**
Sponsor: Local Government
Description: Creates the local government innovation commission in the DOM to review local governance and revenues. Sets membership on the commission and contains implementing provisions. (Governor) Quirnbach and Shull

Bills of interest introduced after the first funnel and being reviewed by City staff include:

HOUSE

Bill: **HF 2665 LINE OF DUTY BENEFITS (Successor to HF 2172)**
Sponsor: State Government
Description: Establishes that the \$100,000 line of duty death benefit under 100B.11 applies to all volunteer public safety employees that are eligible under PORS, IPERS, or MFPRSI. Establishes that if a death benefit is already paid under 100B.11, no benefit is to be paid from the other retirement systems. Expands the definition of "volunteer emergency services provider" to include a part-time EMT.

- Bill:** HF 2666 ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE FUND (Successor to HF 2027)
Sponsor: Economic Growth
Description: Creates an economic enterprise area infrastructure fund to assist in building infrastructure in economic enterprise areas. Appropriates \$5 million in RIF for the fund. (Appropriations)
- Bill:** HF 2677 NOXIOUS EXPOSURE DISABILITY (Successor to HF 2369)
Sponsor: Public Safety;
Description: Entitles a police officer who is injured or dies because of exposure to noxious fumes, such as those found in meth labs, on active duty, to receive accidental disability benefits.
- Bill:** HF 2678 MINOR ALCOHOL NOTIFICATION (Successor to HF2444)
Sponsor: Public Safety
Description: Requires police to make a reasonable effort to identify a person under 18 who is in a car and possesses alcohol. Requires police to make a reasonable attempt to contact the minor's parents if they are not referred to juvenile court, unless reasonable grounds exist to believe parental notification is not in the best interest or will endanger the minor. Requires a reasonable effort to be made to contact the minor's school. Requires the district court clerk to send a copy of the citation and complaint to the minor's parents and school.
- Bill:** HF 2681 WORKER COMP INJURIES (Successor to HF 705)
Sponsor: Commerce
Description: Requires an employer to pay workers' compensation benefits for an injury sustained by an employee if the employment activity was the predominant factor causing the injury. *FM:* Horbach
- Bill:** HF 2684 INVESTMENT TAX CREDITS (Successor to HF 2392)
Sponsor: Economic Growth
Description: Establishes a tax credit of 20% of the investment in a certified targeted small business. Caps the maximum amount of a tax credit for an investment by an investor in any one qualifying business at \$50,000. Allows an investor to claim tax credits for no more than 5 different investments in 5 different qualifying businesses. Caps the total credits in one FY at \$500,000. *FM:* Struyk
- Bill:** HF 2687 EVIDENCE GATHERING (Successor to HSB 548)
Sponsor: Judiciary
Description: Allows a previous conviction, or deferral, for public intoxication, possession of a controlled substance or certain theft offenses, to be considered as a separate previous conviction if the violator had

commits another offense after the first is entered into judgment. Allows a blood test to be done on a person suspected of an OWI offense that caused death or serious injury without the consent of the person. *Floor Manager:* Kaufmann

Bill: HF 2712 DEFERRED RETIREMENT (Companion to SF2265; Successor to HSB 697)

Sponsor: State Government

Description: Establishes a deferred retirement option plan for MFPRSI members who are at least 55 and have at least 22 years of service. Allows the retirement allowance for a member to be set at a specific level, with any additional retirement allowances being set aside in a separate account. Requires members to submit an application stating when they would like to start and end participation in the plan. Allows participation for 1-5 years, but requires members to be between the ages of 62 and 64 for 1 or 2 year participation. Sets graduated contributions starting at 52% of retirement allowance, increasing 2% per month. Establishes that account deposits do not accrue interest or dividends. Penalizes early withdrawal not due to death or disability at 25% of the account value. Allows for an increase in contributions if it is deemed that the plan has increased the cost of the system. Requires a favorable ruling by the IRS before implementation of the plan.

Bill: HF 2713 IOWA CONSTRUCTION BIDDERS PROCEDURE ACT (Successor to HF 321)

Sponsor: State Government

Description: Incorporates provisions of the contract letting procedures used by cities and counties for public improvements having an estimated total cost exceeding \$25,000. Requires government entities to follow competitive bidding procedures if the cost of the public improvement exceeds \$100,000. Sets competitive quotations procedures if the improvement costs less than \$100,000 and exceeds certain lower amounts. Allows thresholds to be changed by vertical infrastructure bid threshold subcommittee on or after January 1, 2012. Requires adjustment to competitive quotation threshold before this date to be in accordance with adjustments made by horizontal infrastructure bid threshold subcommittee.

Bill: HF 2730 DEFINED PENSION CONTRIBUTION (Successor to HSB 512)

Sponsor: State Government

Description: Requires the Treasurer to establish a defined contribution plan as an option to IPERS by July, 2007. Establishes that persons hired on or after July 1, 2007, who are eligible for IPERS, have the option of electing out of IPERS to join the plan. IPERS members in service as

of July 1, 2007 are given the option to transfer for 18 months from July 1, 2007. Establishes an advisory board of 6 members. Establishes that members are vested immediately and sets restrictions on investment options and plan management. *FM: Drake*

Bill: HF 2731 TARGETED JOBS PILOT PROJECT (Successor to HF 2460 & HSB 530)

Sponsor: Economic Growth

Description: Creates four pilot projects to use a withholding tax credit for businesses in an urban renewal area if the business relocates to the area, or creates 10 new jobs or invests \$500,000 in capital improvements. Makes the credit 3% of the gross wages, and allows the pilot projects to use the funds for costs related to urban renewal projects. Allows withholding agreements to be up to 10 years in length, but must be entered into before July, 2010. Requires one project to be in a county next to Nebraska, one project to be in a county next to South Dakota, and the other two to be adjacent to other states. Requires termination of the agreement if the employer ceases to meet the requirements, but allows 18 months to meet the job requirement again before termination. (Ways & Means)

Bill: HF 2732 URBAN RENEWAL DEBT

Sponsor: Kurtenbach

Description: Establishes that the amount of debt issued for urban renewal purposes need only be certified once unless the debt is in addition to an already certified amount. Sets other certification requirements. (Local Government)

Bill: HF 2741 ELECTRICIAN LICENSING (Successor to HSB 700)

Sponsor: State Government

Description: Creates a statewide license system for electricians and life safety installers to supplement the current city licensing system, and allows electricians to practice statewide or locally. Establishes the licensing system and inspection fees. Creates 11 member Electrical Examining Board in the office of the State Fire Marshal in the DPS. Contains other provisions. *Floor Manager: Drake*

Bill: HF 2747 TOUCHPLAY MORATORIUM (Successor to HSB 770)

Sponsor: Ways & Means

Description: Extends the Touchplay moratorium in SF 2330 from 45 days to September 1, 2006. *Floor Manager: Boal*

Bill: HSB 766 PROPERTY TAXES

Sponsor: Ways & Means

Description: Requires a city council or county supervisors to hold a public hearing on, and approve by resolution, an increase in the amount of property

taxes. Requires that other tax certifying agencies meet these requirements except that they do not have to hold an additional public hearing. Changes the number of signatures needed to protest a county budget to 1/4 of 1% of those who voted for Governor in the last election, or not less than 10. Requires a city or county whose property tax capacity is reduced to first reduce funding not related to real property. Defines real property services. Rollback: Ties industrial property to the property tax assessment rollback. Other: Abolishes the county compensation board and transfers the duties to the supervisors. Paulsen (C), Carroll, Kurtenbach, Shoultz, Winckler

Bill: HSB 769 ROAD USE TAX FUND
Sponsor: Ways & Means
Description: Raises the allocation to the Primary Road Fund from Forty-seven and a half percent to Fifty percent. Raises the allocation to the Secondary Road Fund from Twenty-four and a half percent to Twenty-five percent. Raises the allocation for city street construction from Twenty percent to Twenty-five percent. Eliminates the Farm to Market Road Fund and creates a Farm to Market Account within the Secondary Road Fund.

Bill: HSB 770 TOUCHPLAY MORATORIUM
Sponsor: Ways & Means
Description: Extends the Touchplay moratorium in SF 2330 from 45 days to September 1, 2006.

Bill: SF 2367 PROSTHETIC DEVICES (Successor to SSB 1281)
Sponsor: Commerce
Description: Requires that insurance policies have coverage for prosthetic devices that is as good federal coverage for the aged and disabled. *FM:* Courtney

Bill: SF 2370 LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION (Successor to SSB 3243)
Sponsor: Local Government
Description: Creates the local government innovation commission in the DOM to review local governance and revenues. Sets membership on the commission and contains implementing provisions. Requires a report to the Governor and Legislature by January 2008. Directs the commission to commission to prepare a RFP for establishment of an Iowa Center for Governing Excellence. Requires that the center be governed by a board with members from state government, ISAC and the League of Cities. **Fund:** Creates a local government innovation fund to make grants for programs reviewed by the commission. *Floor Manager:* Shull

Bill: SF 2372 COUNTY EMERGENCY LEVY (Successor to SF 2100)
Sponsor: Local Government
Description: Creates the option of a countywide levy directly imposed by a local emergency management commission to fund the commission budget.

Bill: SF 2387 HOUSING TRUST FUND (Successor to SSB 3249)
Sponsor: Appropriations
Description: Appropriates \$1.25 million n FY 2008, \$2.5 million in FY 2009, and \$5 million annually after that from the GF to IFA for the Housing Trust Fund. Requires IFA to report to the Legislature by October of 2009 on the program.

Bill: SSB 3250 PROPERTY TAX REFORM
Sponsor: Ways & Means
Description: Raises the foundation levy to \$8.86 per thousand. Raises state share of regular and special education foundation base to 100%. Eliminates County Compensation Boards and gives the Board of Supervisors their responsibilities. Creates an Implementation Task Force to study the effects of the Bill. Makes other changes. Miller & Quirmbach (C), Bolcom, Connolly Wieck, Zieman

Bill: SSB 3251 NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICTS
Sponsor: Ways & Means
Description: Allows a city to create a self-supporting municipal improvement district for residential use, known as a neighborhood. Allows any combination of residential, commercial, or industrial properties in a district. Allows a city to create a district comprised of properties within a duly designated historic district and residential properties adjacent to and within 300 feet of the district. Lifts the exemption from taxes for residences in such a property, except for those created prior to July 1, 2006. Requires a city to notify affected property owners.

Bill: SSB 3252 PROPERTY TAX STUDY
Sponsor: Ways & Means
Description: Requires the Regents to study the property tax assessment and appeal process. Requires the Regents to appoint a study team consisting of faculty and staff from the three regents universities to conduct the study. Appropriates \$250,000 to the Regents for FY 2007 and FY 2008 for the study and requires a report to the Legislature by February 1, 2008.