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The Anderson Report

Thank you for the honor of representing you in the Iowa Senate. Please feel free to contact me with your questions, comments and ideas. You can reach me at **712-898-2505** or email to **bill.anderson@legis.iowa.gov**.

Military Pensions

Iowa veterans received a unanimous 46-vote salute Monday with the passage of Senate File 303. Standing with Iowa veterans, I voted to eliminate the state income tax on military pensions.

Passing Senate File 303 moves our state in the right direction when it comes to competing with Midwestern states such as Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin, who have a similar exemption already in place. Senate Republicans proudly supported this legislation, which is long overdue. This legislation will play a key role in recruiting new veterans to Iowa.

The legislation impacts veterans receiving a pension for their service in the armed forces, military reserve and National Guard. The bill would begin for the tax year starting on January 1, 2014, once it is passed in the Iowa House and receives Governor Terry Branstad's signature.

The legislation will play a key role in retaining and recruiting veterans. This valuable tool will help expand Iowa's skilled workforce and enhance economic development opportunities across the state. Senate Republicans and Democrats worked in a bi-partisan manner to make the income tax exemption a reality. Everyone agreed this was of great significance to Iowa's veterans and our state. Now, we must shift our focus to all Iowans.

Propane Shortage

Iowans are in the middle of the current deep freeze and feeling the pain in their pocketbooks due to the cost of propane and the logistical issues regarding the suppliers. In an effort to ease the strain on citizens, the U.S. Department of Transportation established a regional emergency declaration suspending the regulatory provisions pertaining to hours of service for drivers of commercial motor vehicles transporting propane to affected Midwest states, including Iowa, through 11:59 p.m. on February 11, 2014. The Governor's Office in collaboration with the Department of Transportation, the Iowa Department of Agriculture, Department of Human Rights and Homeland Security are monitoring the situation.

Visitors at the Capitol

I had a busy week filled with visitors at the Capitol. I hosted Western Iowa Technical Community College students, members of the Siouxland Chamber, and was honored to speak at the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees Student Legislative Seminar on Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday, I was able to visit with the presidents of Briar Cliff University, Morningside College and St. Luke's School of Nursing and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Siouxland. As always, I enjoy visiting with constituents, hearing their thoughts on issues that impact them.

Upcoming Forums

Saturday, February 1, 2014

- 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – Le Mars Forum – Le Mars Public Library, 46 1st St SW
- 11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Sioux City Forum, Morningside Public Library, 4005 Morningside Ave.
- 12:15 p.m. – 1 p.m. – Sgt. Bluff Forum, Sgt. Bluff City Hall, 401 4th Street

Friday, February 7, 2014

- 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. – Pierson Forum – Community Center, 514 2nd Street
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – Remsen Forum – Mid Sioux Opportunity, 418 S. Marion Street

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