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**Week 7**

This week in the Senate was focused on questions of tax incentives verses tax rates in economic development. A large fertilizer company in southeast Iowa has received a package of economic incentives to build their facility. I do not agree that we should be giving special privileges to any company or individual; rather we should create an even playing field where success is achieved on merit. The Iowa Constitution states in Article VIII sec.2 "The property of all corporations for pecuniary profit, shall be subject to taxation, the same as that of individuals." And in Article I sec.6 "the General Assembly shall not grant to any citizen, or class of citizens, privileges or immunities, which, upon the same terms shall not equally belong to all citizens."

One of the bills that I submitted this week requires a statement of Constitutional authority for all future legislation. The Constitution is the document that limits the government's power over We the People and the Iowa Constitution states Article XII sec.1, "This Constitution shall be the supreme law of the state, and any law inconsistent therewith, shall be void." As a society we are giving up our individual rights for a promise of gifts and future security. I for one do not believe these hollow promises from politicians that refuse to follow their oath of office to support and defend the Constitution.

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"I swear to support the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Iowa. So help me God."