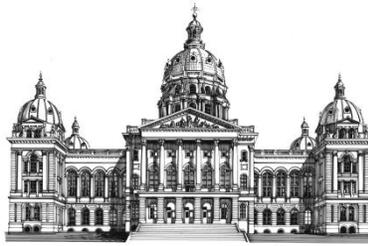


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“FROM THE GROUND UP”
By Senator Dan Zumbach
Week 3

It was great to meet with and see so many friends from home this week. Nurses, teachers, FFA members, business owners, fire fighters, farmers and construction workers were all in Des Moines to share with legislators how current and potential future laws affect their lives. It is a lot of information to process, but thankfully my clerk Kathie, and a couple of staff members help keep everything in order and available. Quite often watching for unintended consequences occupies much of my time.

Most bills have good intentions, but working through the wording continues to consume a lot of time. It is amazing how a simple word like: may, can, shall, shall not, will or will not eat the clock while reading a bill. I feel it’s important to be thorough and watch for the consequences of these words. I would have never guessed I would be studying my first and second grade words at age 53. My dad certainly had it right when he said, “You never quit learning.”

Several constituents contacted me about the excessive price increase of LP gas. Many areas experienced a rise in the price by \$2 per gallon in one week. After a conversation with the Governor’s office, Governor Branstad and Lt. Governor Reynolds wrote to the President of the United States urging him to take action on easing the propane shortage in the Midwest. The Governor also struck a deal with Governor Rick Perry from Texas on easing restrictions in Texas allowing for a greater supply of propane in Iowa. Both of these actions should help ease the pain of this price increase soon.

It appears there is more good news for the Lake Delhi area. After a “barrage” of conversations and hoop jumping, three government agencies ended up with their signatures on one piece of paper. This document will allow the bidding process on reconstruction of the concrete portion of the dam. If you are a property owner in the area, I suggest you get your shoreline/dock areas repaired this spring.

I am always happy to hear from you. Please forward my newsletter to your friends. The Senate phone number is 515-281-3371. My email address is dan.zumbach@legis.iowa.gov

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