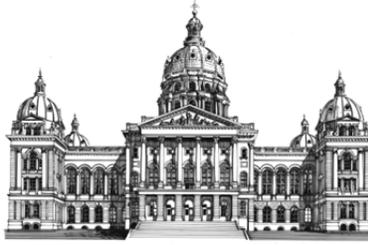


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“FROM THE GROUND UP”  
By Senator Dan Zumbach  
Week Six

Hello District 48. There wasn't much floor debate this week. However, there was a huge amount of time spent in committee meetings. The House of Representatives is debating the education bill as this letter is being written. When the bill comes to us next week, I'm sure it will get regurgitated into something else. I will wait to see what value it has when it is finished. I certainly am working to ensure educational reform happens and funding to support the change. (Hopefully details will come soon.)

The Medicaid expansion becomes more complicated as I continue to dig into the consequences of hooking up with the federal government. Our federal government is working hard coercing Iowa to opt into its risky Medicaid expansion. With the information I have as of today, this expansion will burden tax payers, and saddle Iowa to a dying horse. This concerns me deeply. Medicaid already does a poor job of reimbursing hospitals, and now it appears they will not have the ability to deliver what they are offering.

The framework for Iowa's Nutrient Management Strategy is underway. This voluntary plan is based on science and technology and is designed to reduce nutrient run-off into the Mississippi River. IDALS, DNR, and ISU all worked together in developing this plan. This strategy includes both urban and rural areas and will help property owners in controlling phosphorus and nitrogen run-off.

This past Monday a team of Lake Delhi representatives met with DNR officials to discuss the final concerns before the beginning of the dam reconstruction. Of the approximately six issues discussed in the meeting only one remains unresolved. Members in the House of Representatives and members in the Senate will work through this final obstacle. I would like to thank all the Lake Delhi volunteers for their thousands of hours of time they have given on this restoration project. I also want to thank the officials from the DNR for clarifying the path to getting the lake back. I'm honored to represent this district and look forward when everyone can enjoy this public lake.

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](mailto:dan.zumbach@legis.iowa.gov).

Respectfully,  
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