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“FROM THE GROUND UP”
By Senator Dan Zumbach
Week 7

Winter weather did not stop the work at the Capitol this week. Committee meetings are getting more detailed as funnel week arrives on Monday, March 4th. All bills that are going to be brought to the floor must be out of committee by next week.

Members of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committees went on a “field trip” to the Bill Couser farm near Nevada. The Couser family is very innovative in the feeding and care of their beef cattle. Their manure management is approved by the Department of Natural Resources. It was extremely interesting and inspiring to see how they took every part of their operation and micromanaged it successfully. They are truly an asset to the State of Iowa and to the agriculture industry.

The Education Committee is continuing to digest their bill. It is still unclear what will be included in the bill when it comes out of the committee. I am disappointed our schools have to wait and see what their resources will be next year. You and I need patience, lots of patience right NOW!

There is continued discussion on the Medicaid expansion concept. Hooking up with the federal government appears to be risky long-term. We have time to look at other alternatives on health care and I think taking the time to discuss other options is in our best interest.

Transportation Committee members had a meeting with city and county officials on the deteriorating road systems. We are trying to look at the best options on a recovery system for Iowa roads. The ten cent per gallon fuel tax is being looked at as one of the options. We are also reviewing allocating a percentage of the “over tax” from the past two years. There is a keen awareness of the condition of our roads among legislators. I’m confident progress will be made on repairs and maintenance.

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.

Respectfully,
Senator Dan Zumbach
Honorably serving District 48