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“FROM THE GROUND UP”

By Senator Dan Zumbach
Week 10

Bright sun and cold temperatures, yet the calendar states that it is spring. It was 10 degrees when I walked up the Capitol steps this morning. The first glimpse of sunlight rather than night lights appeared to brighten the east side of the Capitol. There were certainly signs of spring however winter still has a strong hold on us.

The Education Committee is meeting in the back of the Senate chamber as I write this newsletter. We still don't know the intricacies of the bill, but our expectations are high. I know our schools are waiting for direction from Des Moines so they can set their budgets. I feel for them. I will continue monitoring what the bill has to offer and try to match the funding accordingly.

Senate Democrats and Republicans aligned this last week on several bills. Sometimes I wonder how the state of Iowa survived in years past. For example, we passed approximately 70 bills in the Senate so far. I don't know how many will make it through the House and signed by the Governor, but it is clear the Code is a moving instrument.

For example, God gave us 10 rules to live by and they work. The state of Iowa has six books of 1500-1800 pages called the Code to regulate us and we have to modify these books constantly. Yes, I am laughing with you, because we have a lot of laws.

I am honored to climb the 94 steps daily to the Senate and work with other legislators to make our Code as efficient and productive as possible. Citizens of District 48 have entrusted me to look at these changes with a sharp pen and an eagle eye. I challenge myself to do this daily.

Respectfully,
Senator Dan Zumbach
Honorably serving District 48