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GOVERNOR NAMES 19 DEPARTMENT HEADS

As of the end of 2010, Governor-Elect Branstad has announced he will keep six department heads and named replacements for fourteen others.

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Fresh Start in 2011

The New Year is here, and with it comes big changes at the State Capitol. In 2011, we will have a new Governor and Lt. Governor, a new Secretary of State, three new Supreme Court justices, 29 new State Representatives and 9 new State Senators.

When the legislative session begins on January 10, Republicans will control the Iowa House of Representatives by a solid 20-vote margin. The Democrats barely hung onto control in the Iowa Senate with a two-vote margin. Republicans also picked up the Governor's office, meaning there will be a whole new line up of department heads in 2011.

With new legislators and a new Governor come new priorities. Because the Legislature is split with a Republican House and a Democratic Senate, compromise will be needed for any bill or issue to advance. While this is a huge challenge, lawmakers will also be faced with yet another challenging issue that has the potential to make even bigger changes. This year, legislators must pass a redistricting plan.

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“The challenges of change are always hard. It is important that we begin to unpack those challenges that confront this nation and realize that we each have a role that requires us to change and become more responsible for shaping our own future.” **Hillary Rodham Clinton**



Fresh Start *(continued from page 1)*

Redistricting happens every ten years, right after the Census is completed. Congressional and state legislative districts are redrawn to match changes in the population. Because Iowa is one of the slowest growing states, we will lose one of our Congressional districts (going from five to four) and all of our 150 state legislative districts will need to be redrawn.

While the redistricting plan will not go into effect until the 2012 election, legislators will be anxious to get it done and prepare for what will be a very significant election. We will talk more about redistricting, and how Iowa's non-partisan process is looked at as one of the most fair in the country. Look for this discussion in upcoming issues of *infoNET*.

Meet the New Legislators

One in four legislators will be new to the Iowa Legislature in 2011. With 25% of the Legislature learning the ropes this year, it is more important than ever to get involved and help educate your legislators about the issues you care about.

New legislators will be anxious to hear from people in their districts, and it is your job as an advocate to make sure they hear your point of view. Look at it as educating your legislator. They are new, and they may be new to your issues. The more you can do to help them understand why your issue is important, the better your chances of getting something done about it!

So take the time to talk to your legislators – it will make a difference!

You can view information about your legislators – and get local contact information for them – on our website: www.infonetiowa.com/ADVOCATE/LEGISLATIVERESOURCES/tabid/244/Default.aspx.

You can contact legislators starting Monday, January 10, 2011 at the Capitol:

- (515) 281-3221 (Representatives)
- (515) 281-3371 (Senators)
- Email them at from our website at: www.infonetiowa.com/ADVOCATE/TAKEACTIONNOW/tabid/242/Default.aspx

You can view a list (with photos) of all the new legislators on our website at: www.infonetiowa.com.

Breaking it Down

Iowa House of Representatives:

60 Republicans
40 Democrats

Iowa State Senate:

26 Democrats
22 Republicans
2 seats will be filled by special election

ELECTION FACT: Over 1.1 million Iowans voted in this year's election. Iowa Secretary of State Michael Mauro said it was the largest turnout for a mid-term (non-Presidential) election in the state's history. You can view election results at: www.sos.state.ia.us/elections/results/index.html.

Special Election News

Lt. Governor Elect Kim Reynolds resigned from her Senate seat last month, and the Governor has called a special election on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 to fill it. Two people are running for this seat in Iowa Senate District #48, which includes Adams, Clarke, Decatur, Montgomery, Ringgold, Taylor and Union counties.

The candidates for this Senate race are:

- **Joni Ernst**, who lives in Red Oak and is currently the Montgomery County Auditor, is running as the Republican. She has three children, is a Major in the Iowa Army Reserves, and spent 14 months in Kuwait. You can read more about Joni on her website: www.joniernst.com/. *To contact her: 910 N. 6th Street, Red Oak, Iowa 51566; (712) 623-4931; joniernst@hotmail.com.*
- **Ruth Smith**, a physical therapist from Lamoni, is running as a Democrat. She also has three children, teaches at Graceland University, and coaches softball and volleyball. You can read more about Ruth on her website: <http://ruthforsenate.com/>. *To contact her: 1082 Forest Street, Lamoni, Iowa 50140; (641) 784-6353; tnrsmith@grm.net.*

If you live in this district, here are some dates to remember if you want to vote on January 4, 2011.

- All registered voters living in the district are eligible to vote in the special election.
- **Pre-registration deadline was Monday, December 27.** If you did not register by this date, you can register at your polling location on Election Day. You will need to bring a valid (not expired) photo ID with your current address. If it does not have your current address on it, you will need to bring an official document with your

current address (along with your photo ID). Valid documents include government mail, bank statements, rental agreements, cell phone or phone bills, utility bills. For more information on Election Day Registration, contact your county auditor or go to: www.sos.state.ia.us/elections/voterinformation/voterregistration.html#2.

A second special session will be set in the coming days for people living in Northern Polk County. State Senator Larry Noble of Ankeny has been named the new Director of the Iowa Department of Public Safety. He has resigned and a special election has been called for Tuesday, January 18, 2011. Sen. Noble represents Senate District 35, which includes the cities of Alleman, Ankeny, Elkhart, Grimes, Johnston, Polk City, and Sheldahl. For a map: www.legis.state.ia.us/GA/83GA/Senate/DistrictInfo/35.pdf.

- **Ankeny businessman and Drake University law student Jack Whitver will run as the Republican candidate.** Whitver owns three local fitness facilities.
- **John Calhoun of Polk City will be the Democratic candidate for this seat.** Calhoun is currently the Director of the Polk City Community Foundation and owner of Providence Consulting.

The two candidates will face off in the January 18 special election. Voters in the district have until January 7 at 5 p.m. to pre-register to vote (but may register at their polling sites on Election Day with proper proof of residency and identity). Absentee ballots may be requested until January 14 (postmark must be no later than Jan. 17).

New 2011 Committees Announced

Every two years, legislative leaders make changes in committee membership. Because of space, we are including only those committees that work on disability policy. You can see a full list of committee memberships at:

www.infonetiowa.com/ADVOCATE/LEGISLATIVE_RESOURCES/tabid/244/Default.aspx.

Committees that deal with funding for disability, education & transportation programs and services:

House Appropriations Committee

Chair: Rep. Scott Raecker

Vice Chair: Rep. Nick Wagner

Ranking Member: Rep. Tyler Olson

Other Members: Representatives Dennis Cohoon, Cecil Dolecheck, Jack Drake, Mary Gaskill, Chris Hall, Chris Hagenow, Dave Heaton, Lisa Heddens, Dan Huseman, Pat Murphy, Kirsten Running-Marquardt, Jason Schultz, Todd Taylor, Ralph Watts, Andrew Wenthe, Cindy Winckler, Gary Worthan, Royd Chambers, Julian Garrett, Steven Lukan, Walt Rogers, and Renee Schulte

Senate Appropriations Committee

Chair: Sen. Bob Dvorsky

Vice Chair: Sen. Matt McCoy

Ranking Member: Sen. Steve Kettering

Other Members: Senators Merlin Bartz, Dennis Black, Nancy Boettger, Joe Bolkcom, Jeff Danielson, Dick Dearden, Bill Dotzler, Bill Dix, Gene Fraise, Tom Hancock, Jack Hatch, Rob Hogg, Hubert Houser, Pam Jochum, David Johnson, Tim Kapucian, Larry Noble, Amanda Ragan, and Brian Schoenjahn

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Health & Human Services

Co-Chairs: Sen. Jack Hatch & Rep. Dave Heaton

Co-Vice Chairs: Sen. Amanda Ragan & Rep. Mark Brandenburg

Co-Ranking Members: Sen. David Johnson & Rep. Lisa Heddens

Other Members: Senators Joe Bolkcom and Rob Bacon; Representatives Joel Fry, Dan Kelley, Linda Miller, Tom Shaw, Phyllis Thede & Beth Wessel-Kroeschell

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

Chairs: Sen. Brian Schoenjahn & Rep. Cecil Dolecheck

Vice Chairs: Sen. Herman Quirnbach & Rep. Ron Jorgensen

Ranking Members: Sen. Bill Dix & Rep. Cindy Winckler

Other Members: Senators Shawn Hamerlinck & Wally Horn; Representatives Josh Byrnes, Greg Forristall, Ruth Ann Gaines, Curt Hanson, Glen Massie & Nate Willems

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Capitols & Infrastructure

Chairs: Sen. Matt McCoy & Rep. Dan Huseman

Vice Chairs: Sen. Daryl Beall & Rep. Brian Moore

Ranking Members: Sen. Tim Kapucian & Rep. Dennis Cohoon

Other Members: Senators Bob Dvorsky & Bill Anderson; Representatives Royd Chambers, Jarad Klein, Jo Oldson, Brian Quirk, Jeremy Taylor & Roger Thomas

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**Advocating Change Day 2011:
Wednesday, March 30**

Committees that deal with disability & other human services issues:

House Human Resources Committee

Chair: Rep. Linda Miller

Vice Chair: Rep. Joel Fry

Ranking Member: Rep. Beth Wessel-Kroeschell

Other Members: Representatives Ako Abdul-Samad, Richard Anderson, Mark Brandenburg, Julian Garrett, Dave Heaton, Bruce Hunter, Ron Jorgensen, Kevin Koester, Mark Lofgren, Mary Mascher, Glen Massie, Kim Pearson, Janet Petersen, Renee Schulte, Mark Smith, Sharon Steckman, Cindy Winckler & Mary Wolfe

House Commerce Committee

Chair: Rep. Chuck Soderberg

Vice Chair: Rep. Chip Baltimore

Ranking Member: Rep. Brian Quirk

Other Members: Representatives Mark Brandenburg, Joel Fry, Pat Grassley, Lance Horbach, Stewart Iverson, David Jacoby, Anesa Kajtazovic, Bob Kressig, Jim Lykam, Dan Muhlbauer, Jo Oldson, Tyler Olson, Ross Paustian, Dawn Pettengill, Tom Shaw, Jeff Smith, Kurt Swaim, Nick Wagner, Ralph Watts & Matt Windschitl

Senate Human Resources Committee

Chair: Sen. Amanda Ragan

Vice Chair: Sen. Mary Jo Wilhelm

Ranking Member: Sen. Jim Seymour

Other Members: Senators Rob Bacon, Nancy Boettger, Joe Bolkcom, Bill Dotzler, Bob Dvorsky, Jack Hatch, Pam Jochum, David Johnson & Herman Quirmbach

Senate Commerce Committee

Chair: Sen. Swati Dandekar

Vice Chair: Sen. Tom Rielly

Ranking Member: Sen. Jerry Behn

Other Members: Senators Bill Anderson, Daryl Beall, Joe Bolkcom, Tom Courtney, Randy Feenstra, Steve Kettering, Matt McCoy, Brian Schoenjahn, Joe Seng, Pat Ward, Mary Jo Wilhelm & Brad Zaun

Committees that deal with transportation:

House Transportation Committee

Chair: Rep. David Tjepkes

Vice Chair: Rep. Glen Massie

Ranking Member: Rep. Jim Lykam

Other Members: Representatives Rich Arnold, Dennis Cohoon, Julian Garrett, Chris Hall, Curt Hanson, Dan Huseman, Stewart Iverson, Pat Murphy, Kim Pearson, Janet Petersen, Dan Rasmussen, Walt Rogers, Jim Van Engelenhoven, Ralph Watts, Andrew Wenthe, Matt Windschitl, Mary Wolfe & Gary Worthan

Senate Transportation Committee

Chair: Sen. Tom Rielly

Vice Chair: Sen. Tod Bowman

Ranking Member: Sen. Larry Noble

Other Members: Senators Daryl Beall, Swati Dandekar, Jeff Danielson, Dick Dearden, Jim Hahn, Tom Hancock, Hubert Houser, Tim Kapucian, Matt McCoy & Brad Zaun

Committees that deal with education:

House Education Committee

Chair: Rep. Greg Forristall

Vice Chair: Rep. Jeremy Taylor

Ranking Member: Rep. Nate Willems

Other Members: Representatives Ako Abdul-Samad, Josh Byrnes, Royd Chambers, Dennis Cohoon, Peter Cownie, Cecil Dolecheck, Ruth Ann Gaines, Curt Hanson, Mary Ann Hanusa, Ron Jorgensen, Dan Kelley, Kevin Koester, Mark Lofgren, Mary Mascher, Linda Miller, Kim Pearson, Renee Schulte, Sharon Steckman, Annette Sweeney & Cindy Winckler

Senate Education Committee

Chair: Sen. Herman Quirmbach

Vice Chair: Sen. Brian Schoenjahn

Ranking Member: Sen. Shawn Hamerlinck

Other Members: Senators Tod Bowman, Daryl Beall, Nancy Boettger, Bob Dvorsky, Randy Feenstra, Rob Hogg, David Johnson, Roby Smith, Steve Soddors & Mary Jo Wilhelm

New Department Heads Announced

The Branstad Transition Office has asked all current state agency directors to submit their letters of resignation. This is standard operating procedure when a new Governor comes into office. Usually, some letters are accepted (and directors replaced) and some letters are rejected (and current directors asked to stay).

Governor Branstad has made a number of announcements in the past three weeks, keeping some directors and replacing others. Here is where we are as of the end of the year 2010.

NEW DIRECTORS (13)

- **Iowa Department of Human Rights:** Isaiah McGee will step into the position of Director of the Iowa Department of Human Rights, which includes a commission that advocates for persons with disabilities. McGee is a member of the Iowa Advisory Commission of the US Commission on Civil Rights, and has served on the Generation Iowa Commission and the Iowa Indigent Defense Commission. He replaces Preston Daniels.
- **Department of Human Services:** Chuck Palmer will be the new Director of the Iowa Department of Human Services. He replaces Charlie Krogmeier. Palmer served as DHS Director under the previous Branstad Administration and has since been the head of the Institute for Social and Economic Development.
- **Department of Public Health:** Marianne Miller-Meeks will be the new Director of the Department of Public Health. Miller-Meeks, who is a physician and the former President of the Iowa Medical Society, ran unsuccessfully this year for Congress against US Rep. Dave Loebsack. She replaces Tom Newton.
- **Department of Education:** Jason Glass, an Ohio education consultant, has been named Director of the Iowa Department of Education. He was just cited by the Christian Science Monitor as one of eight "education reformers to watch in 2011." He led reform efforts in Eagle County Colorado, where he changed the teacher pay structure from one seniority and education based to one based on student performance. He replaces interim director Kevin Fangman.
- **Department of Inspections & Appeals:** State Representative Rod Roberts of Carroll has been picked to be Director of the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals, the agency that inspects nursing homes and other residential and care facilities. Rep. Roberts did not run for re-election this year, and ran unsuccessfully in the primary for Governor. He replaces Dean Lerner.
- **Department of Economic Development:** Siouxland Chamber of Commerce Director Debi Durham will be the new Director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development. Governor Elect Branstad has said he would like to turn the department into a public-private partnership, a change Durham has been supportive of for many years. Durham was the 2002 Republican nominee for Lt. Governor and is a member of the Iowa Transportation Commission. She replaces current Director Bret Mills.
- **Department of Management:** Dave Roederer, a longtime Branstad aid and former Executive Director of the Iowa Chamber Alliance, will be the new Director of the Department of Management. He replaces Dick Oshlo. In this role, Roederer will be the chief budget advisor to the Governor.
- **Department of Natural Resources:** Roger Lande, a Muscatine lawyer and former chairman of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry, will be the new Director of the Department of Natural Resources. He replaces Pat Boddy, who has been serving in an interim capacity and will stay on as Deputy Director.
- **Department of Public Safety:** State Senator Larry Noble has been selected to be the new Commissioner of Public Safety. Sen. Noble is a former police officer and retired state trooper who

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was just elected to a second term in the Iowa Senate. He has resigned from his Senate Seat and will replace the current director Gene Meyer.

- **Department of Revenue:** Courtney Kay-Decker will be the new Director of the Iowa Department of Revenue, replacing Mark Schuling. She has served on the Iowa State Tax Review Board. She currently is a partner in a Davenport law firm.
- **Department of Veterans Affairs:** State Representative Jodi Tymeson, who is retiring from the Iowa Legislature this year, was named Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Tymeson, a Brigadier General, served 33 years in the Iowa Army National Guard before retiring. She replaces Patrick Palmersheim.
- **Department of Workforce Development:** Teresa Wahlert, a retired Qwest executive and former CEO of the Greater Des Moines Partnership, has been named Director of the Iowa Department of Workforce Development. She replaces outgoing Director Elisabeth Buck.
- **Iowa Finance Authority:** David Jamison, who ran unsuccessfully this year for State Treasurer, was named Director of the Iowa Finance Authority. Jamison is currently the Story County Treasurer. This agency oversees the state's affordable housing programs. He replaces Joe O'Hern.
- **State Public Defender:** Sam Langholz, another Ankeny attorney, will be the new state public defender. He is the former managing editor of the Iowa Law Review and founding president of the Iowa Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society. He replaces Tomas Rodriguez.

DIRECTORS STAYING (6)

- **Department of Corrections:** John Baldwin, the current Director, will stay on as the Director of the Department of Corrections, which oversees the state's prison and community based corrections systems.
- **Department of Transportation:** Nancy Richardson, the current Director of the Iowa Department of Transportation, has been asked to stay. Richardson

had announced she was retiring from office, but was convinced to stay at least through the end of session.

- **Iowa Lottery:** Terry Rich will stay on as the CEO of the Iowa Lottery. He has been in this position since 2009. He was previously a communications industry executive and worked for the Blank Park Zoo.
- **Iowa National Guard:** Brigadier General Tim Orr has been asked to stay on as the Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard, a position he's been in since March 2009.
- **Iowa Public Employee Retirement System (IPERS):** Donna Mueller, the current IPERS CEO, will stay on under the new Branstad Administration.
- **Iowa Veterans Home:** The current Commandant of the Iowa Veterans home, David Worley, will stay on under the Branstad Administration.

All department directors must be confirmed by 2/3 vote of the Iowa Senate, so bipartisan support will be needed for each of these directors. Currently missing from the Governor's new line up of directors:

- Dept. of Administrative Services (*Ray Walton*)
- Dept. on Aging (*Ro Foegen*)
- Dept. of Cultural Affairs (*Cyndi Pederson*)
- Insurance Commissioner (*Susan Voss*)

Incoming Department of Management Director Dave Roederer told the press this week that the Governor will let the Rebuild Iowa Office (set up in the aftermath of the floods) to expire in 2011, and will look at the possibility of combining other state agencies and programs to create more efficiency.

So expect to see some discussion about how state government is organized (and let your legislators know if you have ideas!)

Post Election Wrap

In our last issue of *infoNET*, we reported two Senate races that were too close to call. The recounts are done, and nothing changed.

Sen. Keith Kreiman, a Bloomfield Democrat, lost his re-election campaign to Mark Chelgren, the inventor of Frog Legs (a wheelchair component company that makes shock absorbent wheels to reduce vibration). He lost by 10 votes.

Tod Bowman, the Maquoketa Democrat running for the Senate seat vacated by Sen. Roger Stewart, beat his opponent by 70 votes after a lengthy recount.

This confirms the Senate Democrats will hold 26 seats. Two final seats will be decided by special elections, but both are expected to be Republican.

Transition Office Website

A reminder that the Branstad Transition Office has launched a new website to help keep people up to date: www.GovernorBranstad.com. The site features an interactive jobs center to submit resumes, a newsroom and "Your Iowa" section where Iowans can share their ideas to help the Governor reach his goals for the state. You can also request Inaugural Ball tickets here.

Getting Ready for Session

Legislators and state agencies are allowed to request bills before the legislative session starts on January 10. These are called "pre-filed bills." You can view a list of the requests made at: www.legis.iowa.gov/Legislation/BillTracking/BillRequests/brByCategories.aspx.

You will only see the legislator/agency requesting the bills and the subject of the request – you will not see the details until the legislator actually signs off (files) the bill. Legislators can still change their

minds about bill requests. Once they see the drafted bill, they may decide not to do it (in which case the bill is basically thrown away). If they sign the bill and file it, it will become public and get a bill number.

2011 Session Calendar

January 10 - First day of session

January 11 - Governor's Condition of the State Address & Budget Released

January 14 - Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court's Condition of the Judiciary Address

January 15 – Governor Branstad Inauguration

February 18 - Last day for legislators to request & sponsor bills (committee chairs and leaders can still make requests).

March 11 - First Funnel Deadline - Bills have to be voted out of a House or Senate Committee to remain eligible for debate, unless they spend money or propose a tax or are sponsored by legislative leaders. Bills that do not are "dead."

April 8 - Second Funnel Deadline - Bills have to be passed out of either the House or the Senate, and out of committee in the opposite chamber to remain eligible for debate, unless they spend money or propose a tax or are sponsored by legislative leaders. Bills that do not are considered "dead."

April 19 - 100th Day of Session - Legislators may again shorten session by making this the "last day." Usually the session goes 110 days.

April 29 - 110th Day of Session - The final paid day of the legislative session, although legislators could go longer. If legislators do not change their rules to shorten session, legislators will be paid their daily expenses through this date. If they work longer, it's on their own dime.

Local Capitol Day Grants Going Fast!

We have had a flood of requests for more information about this opportunity; so if you are interested in having a local Capitol Day, contact us soon.

ID Action wants to help five local advocacy groups interested in having their own "Advocacy Day" at the State Capitol during the 2011 legislative session.



Grant funds are available to help offset the costs of transportation. These funds are available on a first come, first serve basis, and are limited to one group per community. Eligible advocacy groups must:

- Include at least 10 persons with developmental disabilities (but no more than 30).
- Participate in an advocacy training/briefing at the beginning of the Capitol day, conducted by DD Council and ID Action staff.
- Schedule a Capitol Day between the months of January and April, Monday-Wednesday.
- Promise to meet and talk with their legislators while at the Capitol.

Other activities may include (depending on the legislative schedule): watching floor debates, attending committee meetings and meeting state agency staff. For more information, contact ID Action at info@idaction.org or 1-866-432-2846.

New Advocacy Resources on *infoNET* Website

The *infoNET* website will continue to provide you with the information you need to be an effective advocate with your federal, state, and local elected officials. Here is just a bit of what's there:

- Current status of bills of interest (updated daily)
- Grassroots Advocacy Center (allows you to send quick emails to your legislators, with prepared messages, all with one click)
- Lists of local legislative forums (in cities near you)
- Contacts to the new Branstad administration
- Legislative contact information and links to profiles
- Links to daily and weekly legislative schedules
- Policy and Issue briefings, and background information on current issues
- Advocacy tips and ideas to get started

So check us out regularly at:

www.infonetowa.com. You can also get real time information by following us on Facebook.

Budget Update

The state Revenue Estimating Conference increased its estimates for this year (fiscal year 2011) and next year (fiscal year 2012). These estimates are predictions on how much money the state will collect in taxes and fees over the next year. By law, Iowa can only spend 99% of that estimate.

The estimates were increased for the current fiscal year (fiscal year 2011) by \$34.1 million and for the next fiscal year (fiscal year 2012) by \$85.5 million. Overall, the Revenue Estimating Conference believes the state will collect a total of \$5.791 billion this year, and \$6.031 billion next year.

Gov.-elect Terry Branstad and lawmakers are required to use the estimates to craft the state's fiscal year 2012 budget.

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Please note that these have not been updated yet with the newly elected legislators.

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January 2011

All "legislative breakfasts" on schedule are at the State Capitol
 in the Legislative Dining Room unless otherwise noted.

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3 <i>infoNET 2010</i> <i>Issue #12</i>	4	5	6	7	8
10 First Day of Legislative Session	11 10:00 a.m. Gov. Culver's "Condition of the State" address	12 10:00 a.m. "Condition of the Judiciary" address	13	14 10:00 a.m. Inauguration of new Governor/Lt. Governor	15 Tentative: Inaugural Ball (invite only)
17 MLK Day (Legislature not in session)	18	19	20 7-9 a.m. IA Dept for the Blind Legislative Breakfast	21 <i>infoNET Issue #1</i>	22
24	25	26	27 7-9 a.m. Central Iowa Center for Independent Living Legislative Breakfast	28	29