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Iowa Industry Political Action Committee (IIPAC)



ABI's best weapon to elect pro-business legislators and
Governor

- o IIPAC funds invested wisely
 - o **2008 – 87% of “Friends of Iowa Business” elected**
 - o **2006 – 80% of “Friends of Iowa Business” elected**
 - o **2004 – 85% of “Friends of Iowa Business” elected**



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THE IOWA PROSPERITY PROJECT

resources for an informed workplace and democracy

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When employers and employees share information about critical public policy issues, elections and the candidates whose decisions impact business, we all win.



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ABI POLITICAL ACTION

Voting Records of HD 37 Elected Official

2007: 14%

2008: 37%

2009: 100%

Q: Why the Improvement?

A: Representative Renee Schulte



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Meetings with Leaders



**House Minority
Leader
Kraig Paulsen
(R-Hiawatha)
10:30 a.m.
Room 121**



**Senate Majority
Leader
Michael Gronstal
(D-Council Bluffs)
11:30 A.M.
3rd Floor Behind Senate
Chambers**



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ABI 2010 Legislative Priorities

- Fiscal Responsibility
- Economic Growth
- Right to Work
- Workers' Compensation Direction of Medical Care
- Public Sector Employment



Fiscal Responsibility

- Stop using non-recurring funding sources
- Stop multi-year “built-in” budget increases
- Stop “standing” appropriations
- REC – March 11 - @ 1:30pm



Economic Growth

Other States:

- Worse off budgets
- Cutting econ development funding
- Cutting tax credits
- Raising taxes on business



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Research Activities Credits

Economic Growth

- '04 - \$33 million for \$764 million Investment
- '05 - \$35.8 million for \$792.6 million Investment
- '06 - \$43.8 million for \$995 million Investment



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Right to Work

“Reasonable Reimbursement” HF 2420

“the public employer shall...deduct by pay period or once each month from the wages or salaries of each employee required to provide the reasonable reimbursement amount specified for that nonmember by the employee organization and transmit the amounts deducted to the employee organization within thirty days of the deduction.”



Right to Work

“It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, association, labor organization or corporation, or political subdivision, either directly or indirectly, or in any manner or by any means as a prerequisite to or a condition of employment to require any person to pay dues, charges, fees, contributions, fines or assessments to any labor union, labor association or labor organization.”



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Workers' Compensation

- Best medical care available
- Less than 2% request alternative medical care

- SF 155/HF 795 – No action in 2010



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Public Sector Employment HF 2485

- 2008 vehicle for Open Scope Collective Bargaining
- This bill passed the Iowa House with a vote of 96-0. Currently it is non-controversial.



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Key Bills for Employers Pending

HF 234/SF 418 – Mandate for expansive mental and substance abuse coverage

HF 681 – Requires employers with more than 25 employees to provide 30-day notice of layoffs or business closing involving 25 or more employees. Civil Penalties.

SF 2270 – Mandates breaks/reasonable accommodations to express milk in workplace.

HF 758 – \$ for “loss of enjoyment of life”

HF 2197 – Requires employers’ provide paid or unpaid holiday for veterans on Veterans Day.

SF 2110 –Spouse of relocated military personnel eligible for unemployment benefits



Important Things to Know



- Shuttle service – Historical Building and Capitol
- Legislator information



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