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2010 Legislative-Election Preview

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Recent History

'05-'06 Senate tied 25-25
2005-2006 – 1 bill passed

Democratic Majority in House/Senate/Governor

2007 – 1 bill passed
2008 – 4 bills passed
2009 – 3 bills passed
2010 – No bills passed



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Unions' Big 4 Agenda

HF 2420 – “Fair Share/Reimbursements”

HF 795/SF 155 – Workers' Comp Direction of Care

HF 821 - Open Scope Collective Bargaining

HF 2421 – Prevailing Wage



2010 Legislation

- HF 2382 – allows police and fire employed by Chapter 411 cities unlimited medical choice
- Amendment H-8177 – city may direct if “unreasonable” increase costs



SF 2285

- Require inclusion of overtime and premium pay for benefits
- COLA for PTD and death



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November 2, 2010 Election





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Senate Open Seats

Democrats

SD 1 (Warnstadt-SC)

Rick Mullin (D)

Rick Bertrand (R)

SD 13 (Stewart-Clinton)

Tod Bowman (D)

Andrew Naeve (R)

Republicans

SD 27 (Wieck-SC)

Marty Pottebaum (D)

Bill Anderson (R)

SD 41 (Hartsuch-B'dorf)

Richard Clewell (D)

Roby Smith (R)



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House Republican Retirements

- HD 6 (May-Okoboji) Nobody v. Jeff Smith (R)
- HD 51 (Roberts-Carroll) Dan Muhlbauer (D) v. Dan Dirkx (R)
- HD 54 (Rants-SC) Carlos Venable-Ridley (D) v. Ron Jorgensen (R)
- HD 73 (Tymeson-Winterset) Tim Pierce (D) v. Julian Garrett (R)
- HD 74 (Sorenson-Indianola) Scott Ourth (D) v. Glen Massie (R)
- HD 99 (Struyk-CB) Kurt Hubler (D) v. Mary Ann Hanusa (R)



House Democrat Retirements

- HD 1 (Whitead-SC) David Dawson (D) v. Jeremy Taylor (R)
- HD 2 (Wendt-SC) Chris Hall (D) v. Cate Bryan (R)
- HD 7 (Frevort- Em'burg) John Wittneben (D) v. Lannie Miller (R)
- HD 8 (Mertz-Ottosen) Susan Bangert (D) v. Tom Shaw (R)
- HD 14 (Kuhn-Charles City) Kurt Meyer (D) v. Josh Burns (R)
- HD 21 (Burt-W'loo) Anesa Kajtazovic (D) v. John Roof (R)
- HD 26 (Butka-Clinton) Mary Wolf (D) v. David Rose (R)
- HD 41 (Bell-Newton) Dan Kelly (D) v. Gabe Swersie (R)
- HD 65 (Ford-DM) Ruth Ann Gaines (D) v. Gary Jordan (R)
- HD 84 (Gayman-D'port) Sherri Carnahan (D) v. Ross Paustian (R)



Predictions

- Senate Democrats 28-22
- House Democrats 52-48
- Governor
Rasmussen Reports 8/9/10 - Branstad +16
State Fair Poll - Branstad 70-30%



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Q: What does that mean?

A: Gridlock on major changes

“Those labor bills are dead, dead, dead when I become governor.”

-Terry Branstad
ABI Convention – Ames
June 9, 2010



Potential 2011 Issues

- Exclusion for injury during voluntary recreation programs. (HF 2084)
- Wellness programs?
- Credit for Overpayments of current injury (Swiss Colony v. Deutmeyer)
- Others?



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What Can I Do?

Action Step #1

- ABI Workplace and Product Safety Committee

Action Step #2

- Visit www.iowaProsperityProject.org



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2008 Election Cycle Statistics

Action Communications (16,353)

Voter registration and election information

-22,522 Voter Registrations

-49,007 Early Voting Applications

1,467 Issue Letters on Work Comp 2009-10



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