



Iowa Legislative Report

Iowa State Snowmobile Association

Week 3: January 21st - January 28th, 2012
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The third week of the session passed quickly this week. It is clear that legislators are intent on making this a shorter session than last year. One of the measures considered was a resolution that officially moves the funnel deadline up a week. That means that bills will have to be out of committee in the chamber of origin by the end of the seventh week.

Legislators have until March 16th to file their nomination papers to run for reelection. Reapportionment from the 2010 census has thrown some incumbents in the same district and has changed the makeup of other districts. The result is that we are seeing some veteran legislators deciding not to run and some ex legislators announcing their intention to seek public office again. The result will be that we will see a lot of new faces next year. The retirements also mean that some of the legislators want to get out of session as soon as possible.

The big news for snowmobilers concerns Senate Study Bill 3050. The bill is a DNR proposal to update the ATV and Snowmobile Chapters of the Code. We offered the subcommittee an amendment that would require residents and nonresidents riding on public land, ice or trails to get a trail permit at the cost of \$15. This would provide needed funds for the trail program and only place the fee on those sledders that are using the public trails or land. The subcommittee accepted the amendment and it goes to the full committee for their consideration. A special thanks to the Subcommittee Chair, Senator Schoenjahn (D-Arlington) and Subcommittee members Senators Ragan (D-Mason City) and Hahn (R-Muscatine). We need you to communicate your support to the members of the subcommittee and the full Senate Natural Resources Committee.

The full committee is:

- [Dick L. Dearden](#) (D, District [34](#)), Chair
- [Dennis Black](#) (D, District [21](#)), Vice Chair
- [James F. Hahn](#) (R, District [40](#)), Ranking Member
- [Joe Bolkcom](#) (D, District [39](#))
- [Joni Ernst](#) (R, District [48](#))
- [Shawn Hamerlinck](#) (R, District [42](#))
- [Tom Hancock](#) (D, District [16](#))
- [Robert M. Hogg](#) (D, District [19](#))
- [Tim L. Kapucian](#) (R, District [20](#))
- [Amanda Ragan](#) (D, District [7](#))

- [Brian Schoenjahn](#) (D, District [12](#))
- [Dr. Joe M. Seng](#) (D, District [43](#))

The names are hot linked to the legislative website with contact information. Just hold down the ctrl key and click your mouse and it should take you to the information.

Another issue of special importance is the motor fuel tax increase initiative. There have been conflicting statements by key players on the merits of the increase. The DOT issued a report that cited potential savings of \$50 million in expenditures that could be used for road improvements. The Transportation Chairs, Senator Reilly and Representative Tjepkes, indicated that they intended to move bills forward that would increase the tax. The Governor has indicated that he won't necessarily veto an increase, but he has not been vocal in support of the measure. The Speaker of the House indicated on Thursday that the House would be focusing on cost savings contained in the DOT report. It is unclear whether the bill will come up for a vote, especially in light of the position of a major Taxpayers Group (ITR) in opposition to an increase in the fuel tax. **Regardless of when this issue is debated, we need to be vocal to legislators that we want our fair share of the fuel tax used on trails.**

The following is a list of bills of interest. Please note that all of the bills from last session are still technically alive if not withdrawn or final action taken on them. The bills are hot linked to the state system.

[Senate File 2063](#)

A bill for an act relating to the operation of certain all-terrain vehicles on streets and highways upon registration with the department of transportation, providing a registration fee, and providing penalties.

Jan. 25 12 Introduced, referred to Transportation. [S.J. 121](#).

Sponsored by Kettering.

[Senate File 359](#)

A bill for an act relating to the county recorder fees charged for each recorded transaction. (Formerly [SSB 1050](#).)

Mar. 08 11 Subcommittee, Quirnbach, Anderson, and Seng. [S.J. 554](#).

Mar. 09 11 Fiscal note. SCS.

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Sponsored by Local Government.

[Senate File 320](#)

A bill for an act relating to equipment dealership agreements by providing for supplier liability. (Formerly [SF 193](#).)

Mar. 07 11 Immediate message. [S.J. 495](#).

Mar. 07 11 Message from Senate. [H.J. 541](#).

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Sponsored by Agriculture.

[Senate File 192](#)

A bill for an act relating to snowmobile registration and permit fees. (Formerly [SSB 1079](#).)

Mar. 24 11 Read first time, referred to Ways & Means. [H.J. 799](#).

Mar. 29 11 Subcommittee, Helland, Jacoby, and Sands. [H.J. 836](#).

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Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

Senate Study Bill 3052

A study bill for an act relating to various recreation and conservation activities under the purview of the department of natural resources, providing for repeals, and making penalties applicable. 01/18/12 Black, Seng, Kapucian

LSB 5217DP [Senate Study Bill 3052](#)

Senate Study Bill 3051

A study bill for an act relating to the issuance of hunting and fishing licenses and providing for fees. 01/18/12 Dearden, Black, Hamerlinck

LSB 5226DP [Senate Study Bill 3051](#)

Senate Study Bill 3050

A study bill for an act relating to the regulation of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, and watercraft by the department of natural resources, establishing fees, and making penalties applicable. 01/18/12 Schoenjahn, Ragan, Hahn

LSB 5210DP [Senate Study Bill 3050](#)

Senate Study Bill 3001

A study bill for an act concerning the definitions of "all-terrain vehicle" and "off-road utility vehicle" for purposes of provisions administered by the department of natural resources. 01/10/12 Hancock, Dearden, Hahn

LSB 5443SC [Senate Study Bill 3001](#)

LSB 5443YC [House Study Bill 565](#)

[House File 2090](#)

A bill for an act relating to the operation of all-terrain vehicles and minitrucks on highways, providing for registration of certain all-terrain vehicles and minitrucks by the department of transportation, providing fees, and making penalties applicable.

Jan. 24 12 Introduced, referred to Transportation. [H.J. 124](#).

Jan. 25 12 Subcommittee, Huseman, Hanson, and Rasmussen. [H.J. 137](#).

Sponsored by Alons, Chambers, Shaw, Koester, Smith, J., Deyoe, Iverson and Huseman

House File 2017

A bill for an act relating to the operation of all-terrain vehicles on noninterstate highways and making penalties applicable.

Jan. 10 12 Introduced, referred to Transportation. [H.J. 40](#).

Jan. 11 12 Subcommittee, Windschitl, Wolfe, and Worthan. [H.J. 73](#).

Sponsored by Windschitl.

House File 513

A bill for an act relating to snowmobile registration and permit fees. (Formerly [HSB 76](#))

Mar. 09 11 Fiscal note. HCS.

Mar. 29 11 Subcommittee, Helland, Jacoby, and Sands. [H.J. 835](#).

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Sponsored by Natural Resources.

House File 424

A bill for an act providing a sales tax exemption for certain equipment used in making and grooming snow.

Feb. 28 11 Introduced, referred to Ways & Means. [H.J. 446](#).

Mar. 08 11 Subcommittee, Helland, Muhlbauer, and Sands. [H.J. 579](#).

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Sponsored by Lukan.

House Study Bill 547

A study bill relating to funding for Iowa roads, including by increasing and imposing certain vehicle registration fees and taxes, modifying appropriations and allocations from certain funds, providing for the use of certain fees, increasing motor vehicle fuel taxes, providing accountability measures, and including effective date provisions. 1-24-12 Subcommittee assigned, Tjepkes, Cohoon, Iverson, Lykam, and Worthan. H.J. 126.

LSB 5429YC [House Study Bill 547](#)