

Iowa State Snowmobile Association

Legislative Bullet Points for 2007 ISSA Legislation

The following bullet points are suggestions to be used when discussing our 2007 legislation with your legislator's.

- a. Talk only with *your* legislator(s) – they prefer not to discuss legislation with people from outside their district
- b. If you have any questions please contact any EFC committee member
- c. Tell it like it is – be accurate and concise
- d. REQUEST their assistance on our bills

REDEFINING THE TERM MULTI-USE WHEN APPLIED TO TRAIL PLANNING/PURCHASE

- Many users are now being eliminated from trail usage in the planning process
- New trails planning would include motorized and non-motorized user groups
- Recreational Trails Program (RTP) prioritizes multi-use trails – motorized and non-motorized
Allows for funding for both motorized and non-motorized
- Biking/hiking trails get a large majority of trail funding with little economic return to the state
- Would increase tourism due to inclusion of motorized and/or other user groups

- **Snowmobilers/motorized user groups bring many dollars to the state economy**
Per 2005 ISSA economic impact study
- **Would provide for automatic inclusion for all user groups to the planning process of corridor trails/shared corridors**
Both new and reconstructed trails
Motorized and non-motorized user groups

SWEPT FUNDS BILL

- **Registration dollars were in a fund protected by Iowa code**
\$950,000 snowmobile
\$780,000 ATV
Monies Were taken in 2002
Monies were intended to be used for trail maintenance and development, safety and education
Monies taken were from over 80,000 snowmobile, ATV and off road motorcycles registration fees
- **Has drastically affected ISSA's ability to operate its respective programs in a safe and productive manner**

FUEL TAX REFUND

- **Requesting return of state fuel taxes paid on the purchase of fuels consumed in snowmobiles and ATV's for off road use**
- **There are over 80,000 snowmobiles and ATV's registered in Iowa**
- **Iowa already has a state fuel tax refund program for marine fuel taxes that was started in the 1970's**
- **Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Michigan and many other snow belt states all have fuel tax refund programs**

FINE INCREASE BILL (DNR)

- **Same points as last year**

