**To: Iowa Firefighters Association Board**

**From: John & Cyndi Pederson**

**WEEK THREE: JAN 25-29TH**

This week started out with a big focus on the Governors Education Plan and various education bills in both the House and Senate. Basically, the Governor’s plan establishes a scholarship program that allows parents to move their student out of public schools with a voucher to attend a private school, adds provisions to charter schools, and ends the use of voluntary diversity plans open enrollment requests.

Education bills were followed by a No Right to Abortion bill and a debate with amendments on the Right to Bear Arms Constitutional Amendment. The Right to Bear Arms legislation was approved and now it will go to a public vote in November.

A special election was held in District 41 to fill the position held by Senator Marinette Miller-Meeks who is now representing Iowa at the US Capitol. The two candidates were Adrian Dickey (R) and Mary Stewart (D). Adrian Dickey from Packwood, Iowa won and will immediately represent District 41 at the Capitol. He is President of a family owned business; Dickey Transport and has been a volunteer firefighter for 29 years.

Representative Ross Wilburn was named as the new Chair of the Iowa Democratic Party. He replaces former legislator Mark Smith. Wilburn was the former Mayor of Iowa City and also ran for Governor before winning his House seat in 2019.

As a reminder, due to Covid-19 precautions the Senate is hosting all subcommittees via Zoom and anyone can log in and participate. The House has in-person subcommittees and you can also go online to join the meeting. However, you can ONLY speak at a HOUSE subcommittee of you are there in person but you can submit questions before hand.

**Bills of Interest for IFA**

SF 72-Emergency Responder

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=SF72>

This bill passed the subcommittee last week and will now go before the full Transportation Committee.

SF 71-Use of Lights

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=SF%2071>

There will be a subcommittee on SF 71 on Monday, Feb 1st. If you are willing to speak on the

Importance of this bill for your fire department you can join here:

[SF 71](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=SF71)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96128801931?pwd=QUJJL2NtVkMzTFVsd01QdGlkMDFEUT09>

Meeting ID: 961 2880 1931

Passcode: 240637

HF 144-Firefighter Tax Credit

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=HF144>

This has been assigned to a subcommittee: Representatives: Kaufmann, Brown-Powers, Graber.

HF 248-Emergency Response Districts

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=HF%20248>

This bill is from Public Safety Committee by Rep Thorup, Thompson and Brown-Powers

No subcommittee has been scheduled yet.

HSB 72-Public Safety Equipment Fund

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=89&ba=HSB%2072>

This bill passed the subcommittee of Worthan, Breckenridge and Thorup and will go before the full Public Safety Committee.