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Storm Damage Update

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**Storm Damage Report** At the July and August Fiscal Committee Meetings, Ellen Gordon, Director of the Emergency Management Division of the Department of Public Defense, presented information concerning the recent storm damage in Iowa. The incident period extends from June 13, 1998, through July 15, 1998, and includes the storm that struck central Iowa the week of June 29. *Attachment 1* on the back of this Fiscal Update is a map which shows county eligibility for disaster assistance. For a color copy of this map, please contact the Fiscal Bureau.

**Types of Fed. Assistance** There are two types of federal disaster assistance, the Public Assistance Program, and the Individual and Family Grant Program also know as Individual Assistance.

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**Iowa Counties Affected** As of August 25,1998, 32 Iowa counties had been declared disaster areas and were eligible for both Public Assistance and Individual Assistance. Forty-seven counties have been declared disaster areas for Individual Assistance only. Also, when a disaster is declared by the President, counties contiguous to counties in the disaster area also become eligible for federal aid for agricultural purposes. Iowa has 19 such counties: Adams, Bremer, Decatur, Cherokee, Dubuque, Ida, Jackson, Jones, Lyon, Monroe, Mitchell, O’Brien, Scott, Sioux, Union, Van Buren, Wayne, Woodbury, and Worth.



**Public Assistance Program** Under the Public Assistance Program, 75% of the disaster aid comes from FEMA, a federal agency; and 25% is cost share with 15% coming from local or non-profit agencies and the remaining 10% coming from state funds. If damage has occurred to a state agency, 75% of the aid will come from the federal source or FEMA, and 25% will be paid by the state. To date, six State agencies have applied for aid: the Iowa Communications Network, the Departments of Human Services, Transportation, and Public Defense (Military Division and Emergency Management Division), and Iowa State University. It is estimated that Iowa’s share of the total storm damage for the Public Assistance Program will be $1.47 million. This is calculated as 10% of the total estimated loss of $14.7 million across the 32 counties. This loss can be broken down into the following categories:

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| **Public Assistance Program****(dollars in millions)** |
|  |  | Estimated Cost |
| Debris Removal | $ |  4.2  |
| Protective Measures |   |  .6  |
| Roads & Bridges |  | 4.8  |
| Water Control Facilities |  | .4 |
| Buildings & Equipment |  | .4 |
| Public Utility Systems |  | 3.5 |
| Other |  | .8 |
|  Total | $ | 14.7 |

**Individual Assistance** Under the Individual and Family Grant Program, the State’s share of the damages is 10%, with 90% paid by federal funds. The Program is actually administered by the Department of Human Services and currently there are an estimated 2,000 applicants and the cost to the State is estimated to be $1.15 million, based on an average grant of $2,300.



**Performance of Duty Approp.** Funds for the State’s share of the disaster assistance are appropriated from the standing unlimited appropriation under the Executive Council called Performance of Duty. For FY 1999, the estimated standing appropriation for Performance of Duty is $850,000. As outlined above, total damages from the summer storms is currently estimated to be $2.62 million or $1.77 million above the estimate for the FY 1999 Performance of Duty appropriation.

**More Information** Ms. Gordon will provide periodic updates of the storm damage to the Fiscal Committee. For more information, please contact the LFB, or the Emergency Management Division of the Department of Public Defense.

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Legislative Fiscal Committee

**Fiscal Committee** The Legislative Fiscal Committee met on August 26, 1998, at the Correctional Release Center in Newton, Iowa. Agenda topics included;



* Presentation by Kip Kautzky, Director, Department of Corrections, on the many issues facing the Department.
* ***Issue Review*** on Prison Farms
* Discussion of the Glenwood Cattle Sale including a presentation by Warren Jenkins, Deputy State Auditor
* Storm damage update by Ellen Gordon, Director, Emergency Management Division of the Department of Public Defense
* Revenue update, appropriations transfers, lease purchase notifications
* Oversight/Communications Committee update
* Tour of the Correctional Release Center and the new medium security prison facility at Newton.



**Next Meeting** The next Fiscal Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 30 at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. Agenda items will include discussion of an issue where foster parents’ property is damaged by a foster child - who pays for the damages, graduate student centers, Extension Program at Iowa State University, grant programs under the purview of the Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and a tour of facilities on the UNI campus to review deferred maintenance and capital needs. For more information, please contact the Fiscal Bureau.

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Legislative Oversight Committee Issues RFP and Holds Mandatory Vendor’s Conference

**RFP Issued** The Legislative Oversight Committee issued a Request for Proposals on July 27, 1998, and had four vendors attend the mandatory Vendor’s Conference that was held on August 11, 1998.

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**Proposal** The Committee asked that vendors develop a proposal for “review and evaluation of potential options related to the retention or disposition of the Iowa Communications Network and potential options related to a change in the management structure of the Iowa Communications Network and potential changes in the management structure of the Network, including, but not limited to, the privatization of all or a portion of the management functions of the network.”

**Due Date** Proposals are due August 28 and will be sent to Committee members for review. A Legislative Oversight Committee meeting to discuss the proposals will be held on September 3, 1998, in Room 19 at 10:15 a.m., and will utilize a conference telephone call to connect members that are unable to be in Des Moines. At this meeting, the Committee will select the vendors to bring in for detailed interviews.

**Decision** Vendors selected to participate in an interview session with the Committee will be invited to the September 9, 1998, meeting for individual interviews. The Committee will make its selection of a consultant to conduct the study no later than September 17, 1998.

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Iowa Seed Capital corporation Liquidation board Meeting



**Board Meeting** The Iowa Seed Capital Corporation Liquidation Board held its second meeting on August 12. The Board was created by SF 2296 (1998 Economic Development Appropriations Act). The Board’s purpose is to liquidate the assets held by the Iowa Seed Capital Corporation in a manner which maximizes return to the State and minimizes negative impacts on the companies in which the Corporation is invested.

**Liquidation Efforts** The Board voted to contact companies or individuals capable of appraising the Corporation’s portfolio, seeking possible costs and timelines for an appraisal. The Board also voted to ask for interest in assisting the Board in its liquidation efforts. The Board further directed the Attorney General’s Office to provide draft documents concerning the establishment of a for-profit corporation to temporarily hold the Iowa Seed Capital Corporation assets while a sale to a private entity was completed.

**Next Meeting** A date for the next Board meeting was not set.

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Natural Resource Commission Holds Meeting

**Commission Meeting** The Natural Resource Commission met August 12 at Backbone State Park near Strawberry Point to tour the Park and review the restoration of the beach house facility and other improvements. Included in the tour were areas that experienced storm damage.

**Presentations** On August 13, the Commission met at Backbone State Park for their monthly meeting. There were a number of presentations, including:



* Stan Kuhn, Administrator of the Administrative Services Division, presented information on the monthly financial reports, construction projects, and land acquisitions. An overview of the five-year capital budget was presented.
* Bill Farris, Administrator of the Forestry Division, requested the Commission review bids and approve the sale of timber due to storm damage at Backbone State Park. The sale was approved.
* Mike Carrier, Administrator of the Parks, Recreation, and Preserves Division, made a number of presentations. Included was a request for the Commission to approve Emergency Adopted Rules to establish a pilot program for the Local/State Cooperative Lake Rehabilitation Program. The Rules were approved.
* Al Farris, Administrator of the Fish and Wildlife Division, made a number of presentations. Included was a discussion on deer population management areas and the remaining special deer hunts that have been scheduled for the 1998 - 1999 hunting season. The Commission approved special hunts in Dubuque County, Polk County, and Lake Manawa State Park.

**Next Meeting** The Commission will hold the next meeting on September 10 at Spirit Lake.

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Commission on Urban Planning, Growth Management of Cities, and Protection of Farmland Hosts Town Meeting



**Commission Meeting** The Commission on Urban Planning, Growth Management of Cities, and Protection of Farmland held the fourth Town Meeting at City Hall in Davenport on August 12. A number of speakers voiced concerns regarding the issue of urban sprawl. Some of the issues discussed included:

* The use of condemnation of farmland for the development of private industry.
* The use of intergovernmental comprehensive planning which encourages counties and cities to coordinate and plan for long-term growth in an area.
* The loss of community living and family farm values when cities expand into rural areas.
* Imposing a moratorium on new construction in wetland and other natural areas.
* Encouraging the renewal of current infrastructure investment areas, particularly downtown Davenport, where there is rail, water, and interstate access.
* Providing financial incentives to develop brownfields regions.
* Encouraging communities to grow upward and not outward.
* Maintenance and upkeep of current public properties rather than building new ones.

**Town Meeting** The Commission held the fifth Town Meeting on August 19 in Des Moines at the State Historical Building. Some issues discussed included:

* Encouraging development of vacant property in urban renewal areas rather than developing farmland.
* Using a portion of sales tax for local infrastructure improvements, which in turn would decrease local property taxes.
* Changing the law to protect people in unincorporated areas from involuntary annexation.
* Encouraging counties and cities to work together to develop regional plans.
* Prohibiting the use of eminent domain to condemn farmland or other property by a city that transfers the title of the condemned property to a developer.
* Encouraging Legislative changes that require the State to maintain land use inventories of all counties and require updates at a minimum of every seven years.



**Next Meeting** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 2, at the Community Building in Griswold.

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Environmental Protection Commission Holds Monthly Meeting



**Commission Meeting** The Environmental Protection Commission met in Des Moines on August 17. There were a number of presentations, which included:

* Stan Kuhn, Administrator of the Administrative Services Division, presented preliminary budget information and a preliminary five-year capital plan.
* Roya Stanley, Administrator of the Waste Management Division, discussed several items. Included was the contract approval for Toxic Cleanup Day which was approved by the Commission.
* Allen Stokes, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Division, made a number of presentations. Included was the approval of contracts for nonpoint source pollution control projects. The projects were approved.
* Wayne Farrand, Environmental Program Supervisor, presented an overview of House File 2494 (Animal Feeding Operations) by explaining the changes in each section of the Bill.

**Next Meeting** The next Commission meeting will be held Monday, September 21, at Rathbun Fish Hatchery at Lake Rathbun.

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Road Use Tax Fund Revenues



**Road Use Tax Receipts** Road Use Tax Fund receipts for the first two months of FY 1999 increased $7.0 million (4.7%) over the same period for FY 1998. Revenues from Motor Vehicle Use Tax and vehicle registrations and certificates of title were responsible for nearly all the growth in the Road Fund. These two revenue sources combined increased by $6.3 million (7.8%) over FY 1998. All of the other revenue sources have experienced a total combined increase of $700,000 (1.0%).

**Motor Vehicle Use Tax** Year-to-date Motor Vehicle Use Tax receipts increased $2.4 million (6.6%) compared to FY 1998 receipts. The increase in these receipts is primarily attributed to the increase in car and truck sales in Iowa and the shifting of the State Patrol funding away from the Motor Vehicle Use Tax into the General Fund. The most recent information available shows that for FY 1998, sales were 11.5% higher than sales in FY 1997.

**Registration & Title Fees** Registration and title fees increased $3.9 million (8.8%) compared to FY 1998. The increase in vehicle registration fees is largely attributed to the increase in the price of vehicles being registered and corresponds with the increase in new car and truck sales.

**Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax** Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax revenues have increased only $100,000 (0.2%) compared to the same period for FY 1998. This is a reflection of a relatively low rate of growth in fuel consumption in Iowa. In FY 1998, consumption of gas and diesel fuel increased by only 1.4% over FY 1997, with the majority of this growth occurring in the first half of the fiscal year. In May and June of 1998, gas and diesel consumption experienced an increase of only 0.8% compared to the same period in FY 1997.

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**Motor Carrier Fines** The Road Use Tax Fund has received $327,000 from fines on motor carrier violations during July and August of FY 1999. In FY 1998, the first four months of revenues from these violations were deposited into the Prison Infrastructure Fund. During the 1998 Legislative Session, the General Assembly directed all receipts from motor carrier violations to be deposited into the Road Use Tax Fund.

**Other Changes** Changes in other revenue sources were relatively insignificant.

**Comparison to FY 1998** The following table compares the Road Use Tax Fund receipts for the first two months of FY 1998 and FY 1999 by revenue source. The sum of the revenues may not equal totals due to rounding.

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| **ROAD USE TAX FUND RECEIPTS** |
| **(Dollars in Millions)** |
| July - August |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Change |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FY 1998 vs. |  | Percent |
|  |  |  | FY 1998 |  | FY 1999 |  | FY 1999 |  | Change |
| Motor Vehicle Use Tax |  | $ 35.7 |  | $ 38.0 |  | $ 2.4 |  | 6.6% |
| Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax |  | 64.5 |  | 64.6 |  | 0.1 |  | 0.2% |
| Registration/Title Fees & Misc. |  | 44.5 |  | 48.4 |  | 3.9 |  | 8.8% |
| Underground Tank Fees |  | 1.0 |  | 1.1 |  | 0.1 |  | 9.0% |
| Driver License Fees |  | 1.7 |  | 1.6 |  | -0.1 |  | -5.9% |
| Interest |  | 2.1 |  | 2.4 |  | 0.3 |  | 14.6% |
| Other Fees |  | 0.9 |  | 0.9 |  | 0.0 |  | -2.2% |
| Motor Carrier Fines |  | 0.0 |  | 0.3 |  | 0.3 |  |  |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS |  | $ 150.3 |  | $ 157.3 |  | $ 7.0 |  | 4.7% |

 *Note: For Road Use Tax Fund reporting, receipts are considered in the month for which they are distributed by formula rather than the month in which they are collected. For example, August revenues were collected in July but distributed to the various State and local road funds in August.*

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Lottery Revenues and Expenditures



**FY 1999 Lottery Revenues** July FY 1999 Lottery sales revenues were $8.9 million above the FY 1998 level. Lottery prize expenses increased $4.6 million, operating expenses increased $1.5 million, and transfers to other State funds increased $3.0 million. The following table details the revenues, expenditures, and balances of the State Lottery. Rows and columns may not add, due to rounding.

| **STATE LOTTERY****July** **(Dollars in Millions)** |
| --- |
|  |  |  FY 1998 |  | FY 1999 |  | Inc./Decr. |  | % Inc. |
| FY Beg. Balance |  | $ 3.4 |  | $ 3.1 |  | $ -0.3 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Game Revenues |  | 13.5 |  | 22.4 |  | 8.9 |  | 65.6 |
| Interest |  | 0.1 |  | 0.0 |  | -0.0 |  | -17.6 |
|  Total Revenue |  | $ 13.6 |  | $ 22.4 |  | $ 9.1 |  | 65.2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prize Expense |  | $ 7.8 |  | $ 12.4 |  | $ 4.6 |  | 58.5 |
| Operating Expense |  | 2.8 |  | 4.3 |  | 1.5 |  | 54.2 |
| Transfer of Profits |  | 2.9 |  | 5.8 |  | 3.0 |  | 104.2 |
|  Total Expense |  | $ 13.4 |  | $ 22.5 |  | $ 9.1 |  | 67.3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Year-to-Date Ending Balance |  | $ 3.5 |  | $ 3.1 |  | $ -0.5 |  |  |



**FY Sales** July sales, compared to the same time period of FY 1998, were as follows:

* Instant ticket sales decreased $227,000 (3.1%).
* Iowa Lotto/Supercash/Pick 3 sales decreased $460,000 (65.9%).
* Multi-State Powerball sales increased $9.3 million (341.4%).
* Multi-State Daily Millions/Cash 4 Life sales decreased $32,000 (6.7%).
* Daily Game sales decreased $43,000 (9.8%).
* Pull-tab sales increased $342,000 (17.6%).

**4th Largest Monthly Profit** The Iowa Lottery posted its fourth largest monthly profit in July 1998, due to sales associated with the largest Lottery jackpot in history. Powerball sales in Iowa for the record jackpot exceeded $12.0 million in the month of July.

**Sales Tax Paid** In addition to the amount transferred to the State as profits, the Lottery paid $1.1 million in sales tax during July.

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National Higher Education FY 1998 Salary Rankings - Community Colleges



**Faculty Salary Rankings** The American Association of University Professors has released faculty salary rankings for higher education institutions nationwide for the 1997-98 school year. Nationally, for all schools included in the study (public, private, four-year, two-year, etc.), the average salaries were:

* $69,868 for a full professor.
* $51,219 for an associate professor.
* $42,241 for an assistant professor.

**Two-Year Institutions** For two-year institutions with academic ranks, the averages were:

* $52,746 for a full professor.
* $44,164 for an associate professor.
* $38,173 for an assistant professor.

**Without Academic Ranks** For all institutions without academic ranks, the average was $40,760.

**Iowa’s Community Colleges** Average salaries reported by Iowa’s community colleges were as follows:

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* Institutions with academic ranks:
* Iowa Central (Fort Dodge) - full professor $40,800; associate professor $39,000; assistant professor $39,500.
* Iowa Lakes (Emmetsburg/Estherville) - full professor $40,600; associate professor $33,300; assistant professor $29,700.
* Iowa Valley (Marshalltown/Iowa Falls) - full professor $40,600; associate professor $35,700; assistant professor $31,200.
* Iowa Western (Council Bluffs) - full professor $41,200; associate professor $37,500; assistant professor $31,100.
* Kirkwood (Cedar Rapids) - full professor $42,500; associate professor $35,500; assistant professor $33,200.
* Institutions without academic ranks:
* Des Moines Area - $40,600
* Eastern Iowa (Clinton/Bettendorf/Muscatine) - $36,500
* Hawkeye (Waterloo) - $36,300
* Indian Hills (Ottumwa) - $37,300
* North Iowa (Mason City) - $39,000
* Northeast Iowa (Calmar/Peosta) - $34,800
* Northwest Iowa (Sheldon) - $32,700
* Southeastern (West Burlington/Keokuk) - $46,300
* Southwestern (Creston) - $30,300
* Western Iowa (Sioux City) - $34,300

**Iowa Statewide Avg.** Iowa’s statewide average for the 1997-98 school year was $41,140 for full professors at the five community colleges with academic ranks and $36,810 for the 10 community colleges without academic ranks. These averages equate to 78.0% of the national average for two-year institutions with academic ranks and 90.3% of the national average for all institutions without academic ranks.

**Without Academic Ranks** Iowa’s statewide average for institutions without academic ranks compares with surrounding states as follows:

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|  |  |  |  | **Percent of** |
|  |  |  |  | **National** |
| **State** |  | **Average** |  | **Average** |
| Wisconsin |  | $ 45,850 |  | 112.49% |
| Minnesota |  | 43,150 |  | 105.86% |
| Illinois |  | 39,500 |  | 96.91% |
| Iowa |  | 36,810 |  | 90.31% |
| Missouri |  | 35,150 |  | 86.24% |
| Nebraska |  | 34,430 |  | 84.47% |
| South Dakota |  | 31,500 |  | 77.28% |

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Retroactive Reimbursement Rate to Nursing Facilities Effective August 12



**Retroactive Reimb. Rate** During the 1997 Legislative Session, the General Assembly required the Department of Human Services (DHS) to apply a retroactive reimbursement rate increase to nursing facilities, dependent upon sufficient funds within the Medical Assistance appropriation. The mid-year adjustment is consistent with those of previous fiscal years. The language in HF 715 (Human Services Appropriations Act 1997) is found in Section 28.1 (f):

**Basis For Rate** The basis for establishing the maximum Medical Assistance reimbursement rate for nursing facilities shall be the 70th percentile of facility costs as calculated from the June 30, 1997, unaudited compilation of cost and statistical data. However, to the extent funds are available within the amount projected for reimbursement of nursing facilities within the appropriation for Medical Assistance in this Act for fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, and within the appropriation for Medical Assistance as a whole for fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, the department shall adjust the maximum Medical Assistance reimbursement for nursing facilities to the 70th percentile, as calculated on December 31, 1997, unaudited compilation of cost and statistical data and the adjustment shall take effect January 1, 1998.

**Administrative Rule** The Administrative Rule presented before the Administrative Rules Review Committee on August 11 and adopted by the Council on Human Services on August 12 makes the following changes:

* Increases the maximum rate from $71.70 to $73.21 per day from January 1, 1998, through June 30, 1998, an increase of $1.51 (2.1%) per day.
* Effective July 1, 1998, the maximum nursing facility rate was set at $76.69 based on the June 30, 1998, cost reports, an additional increase of $3.48 (4.8%).
* The cost for providing the increase for the last six months of FY 1998 is an estimated $3.6 million, of which the State share is $1.3 million based on the $73.21 maximum daily rate. Representatives of the DHS erroneously reported the total fiscal impact to members of the Administrative Rules

Review Committee as $1.2 million, State share $435,000. The DHS has since confirmed the $3.6 million estimate.



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THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS SUBMITS ANNUAL REPORT

**Annual Report Received** The Iowa Commission on the Status of African-Americans of the Department of Human Rights failed to provide Annual Reports in FY 1996 and FY 1997. The Commission has now provided an Annual Report for FY 1998. That Report includes FY 1996 and FY 1997.

**Copies Available** The Report is available from the Division on the Status of African-Americans and the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

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Federal Interior AppropriationS passes senate and house



**Federal Appropriations Bills** The Senate passed the Interior Spending Appropriations Bill (S. 2237) on June 25 that appropriates $13.7 billion. The House version of the Bill (H.R. 4193), which appropriates $13.4 billion, was approved on July 23. The following table gives a breakdown of the amounts appropriated:

 **FY 1999 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR\***

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Program Description** | **FY 1998****Appropriation**(000 Omitted) | **FY 1999** **Clinton Req.**(000 Omitted) | **Senate Bill****S. 2237**(000 Omitted) | **House Bill****H. R. 4193**(000 Omitted) |
| Interior Department | $6,700,749 | $7,122,163 | $6,785,602 | $6,644,961 |
| Forest Services | 2,565,550 | 2,656,809 | 2,622,534 | 2,522,884 |
| Energy Department | 1,255,651 | 1,441,529 | 1,251,809 | 1,193,429 |
| Other Related Agencies | 3,587,543 | 3,047,756 | 2,997,761 | 3,068,230 |
| **Total** | **$14,109,493** | **$14,268,257** | **$13,657,706** | **$13,429,504** |

\*Information from *CQ Weekly*, August 15, 1998, page 2,251.

**Major Differences** The major differences between the two bills include:

* The Senate Bill appropriates $125 million more for Wildland Fire Management, and the House Bill appropriates $170 million more to the National Forest System in the Forest Service Agency.
* The Senate Bill appropriates $61 million more to the National Park Service for Construction Projects.
* The Senate Bill appropriates $47 million more for Energy Conservation and $56 million more for Fossil Energy Research and Development to the Energy Department.

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weekly Medical Assistance Expenditures in the Department of Human Services



**Medical Assist. Program** For the week ending August 10, 1998, FY 1998 General Fund expenditures for the Medical Assistance Program in the Department of Human Services were $1.7 million (95.1% of budget). This is $86,000 below the weekly budget established by the Department. Year-to-date Medical Assistance General Fund expenditures are $383.8 million, which is $1.1 million (0.3%) below the amount budgeted for the fiscal year-to-date.

**Expenditures Monitored** The LFB will continue to monitor Medical Assistance Program expenditures and will provide regular updates to members of the General Assembly. More information is available from the Fiscal Bureau.



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Fiscal Bureau Staff Changes

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**Staff Changes** Jon Studer, LFB Legislative Analyst for the Education Standing Committees, is leaving the Fiscal Bureau after nine years. Jon will become a Research Specialist for the Iowa State Education Association (ISEA). We wish Jon the very best in his new position and will miss his vast knowledge of education and the school finance formula.

 Darlene Kruse is leaving the Fiscal Bureau to move to Missouri with her family. Darlene has staffed the Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee and more recently, the Justice Systems Appropriations Subcommittee. We wish Darlene and her family the best in their new endeavors.

 Carolyn India Black is leaving the Fiscal Bureau to move to Minneapolis. Carolyn will become the budget analyst for Aspen Medical Group. We wish Carolyn the best in her new endeavor.

 The Fiscal Bureau is currently interviewing candidates to fill these vacancies.



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