

2010 Session Convenes; Balanced Budget & Jobs Top Priorities

The 2010 session of the Iowa Legislature opened on Monday, January 11th at the State Capitol in Des Moines. Top priorities for legislators this year include helping middle class families, balancing the state budget without raising taxes, and creating good-paying jobs across Iowa.

Governor Chet Culver delivered his 2010 Condition of the State address to the Legislature on Tuesday with similar priorities such as job creation, strong schools, quality healthcare, and continuing to rebuild Iowa after the floods of 2008. Chief Justice Marsha Ternus also delivered the State of the Judiciary speech on Wednesday and said the courts must continue to find solutions to ensure equal justice during these tough economic times.

While these are tough times for many Iowans and difficult challenges are ahead, legislators noted Iowa's future looks bright.

With just 80 days to complete our work this year, the Legislature is already moving quickly with an education package to give K-12 schools a boost. Governor Culver is expected to sign these bills before this first week is over.