

## Advocacy Information & Resources:



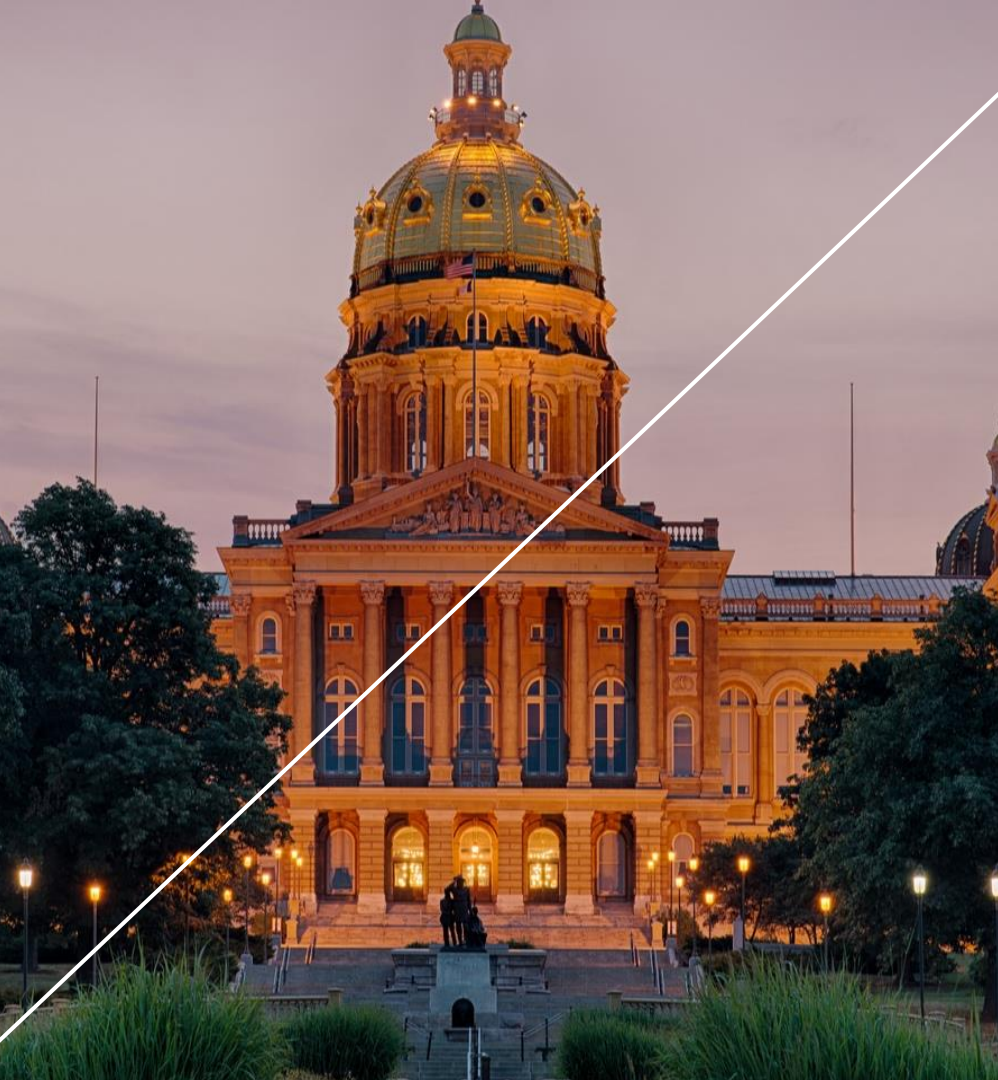
Where to Find Them



How to Keep Up to Date



How to Use Them



“Know the rules well, so you can  
break them effectively.”

— Dalai Lama XIV

“Learn the rules like a pro, so you  
can break them like an artist.”

— Pablo Picasso



# To influence the debate on issues you must:

## **Know the Process**

Familiarize yourself with the legislative process, key people, procedures – and how to stay up to date

## **Build Relationships**

Get to know key policy makers, committee leaders, influencers BEFORE you need them

## **Become a Resource**

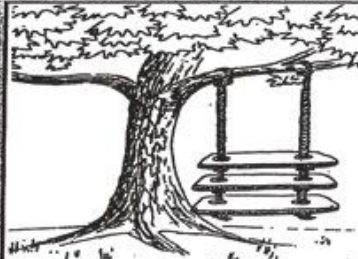
Position yourself to be the person elected officials (and staff) reach out to for solutions



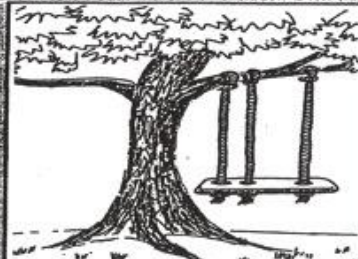
Advocacy is the most important ingredient of our democracy.

## How A Bill Becomes A Law

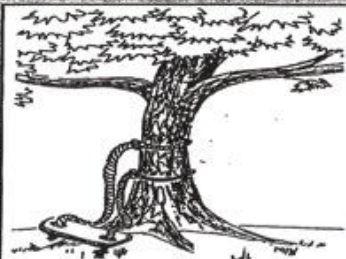
(This anonymous, classic and widely circulated description of the legislative process has been around for years. If the author will step forward we will duly recognize his achievement — Ed.)



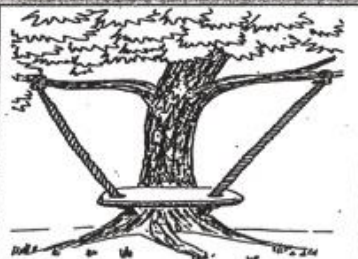
1. As Legislator Introduced It



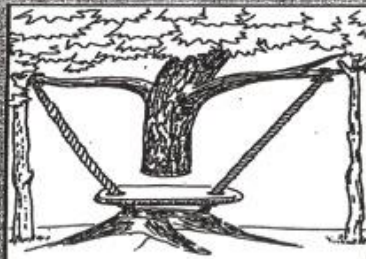
2. As Committee Reported It



3. As House Amended It



4. As Senate Amended It



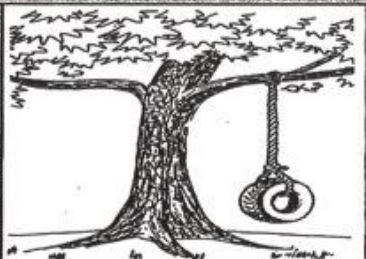
5. As Passed Into Law



6. As Agency Understood It



7. What Budget Allowed



8. What The Taxpayer Wanted



# Advocacy Resources

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### Budgets

[HF1038: Opioid Settlement Fund](#)

Sets up a process for spending opioid settlement funds and earmarks \$29 million for 11 projects (21 providers).

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[HF1039: Infrastructure Budget](#)

Appropriates gambling revenues for various infrastructure projects in fiscal year 2026. This is also known as the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF).

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IDEA



LAW

**First Day: January 12**

**Bill Requested**  
Governor, Legislators,  
State Agencies

**Bill Introduced**  
Given a number

Assigned to  
**Committee**



**1st Funnel: February 20**

Sent to  
Other

Chamber



**Floor  
Debate**



**Committee  
Vote**



Assigned to  
**Subcommittee**

**2nd Funnel: March 20**

Assigned to  
**Committee**



Assigned to  
**Subcommittee**

**Committee  
Vote**

**Governor**  
Signs, Vetoes  
Line-Item Veto



**Amendments**

Both chambers must okay amendments,  
or goes to conference committee



**Floor Debate**

**Last Day: April 21**



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