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Occasional updates regarding legislative issues of constituent interest.

Last week in the legislature I was one of five legislators that sponsored the distribution of a recently issued book titled "Unstoppable Global Warming – Every 1500 years". That generated some interesting responses from some members of the House when Donovan Olson, Environmental Protection Committee chair rose to the floor and, comparing the book to the Soros-inspired "Bush Lied" mantra suggested the best use of the book would be to throw it in the recycle bin. The majority leader of the Senate, Mr. Gronstal, suggested those who circulated the book should "move to Australia", where "ostriches stick their head in the sand". Curious responses from individuals, who are similar to most of those in control of our state government leadership these days, that have never held a responsible private sector job, who have lived at the public trough through most of their careers, are, in reality, the people whose heads are stuck in dark places.

Let me explain. I felt it was important, after thoroughly reading, highlighting and outlining the material in it, that the book be shared with members of the legislature. It was written by a couple of scientists who have compiled summaries of research material from other scientists that have completed numerous studies related to global climate change from the tip of the arctic to Antarctica. They feel the slight warming that we are experiencing, with the exception of the local record low temps in Iowa last week, is a result of a natural climatic cycle that the earth goes through about every 1500 years, plus or minus a few hundred years. If they are right, and their work is supported through numerous supporting studies, then man-made global warming is a very small component of the global warming issue, and something we should not be overly concerned about. They are not alone in their positions. More and more scientists are starting to speak out against alarmist warming theory. Environmental alarmists would ask you to believe that there is a consensus among scientists related to global warming. Nothing is further from the truth.

Why is this important to you? This is an extremely important issue because of some of the initiatives that have been started in Iowa over the past year. Because of the alarmist fervor that has been created over the issue of global warming, which was brought to a fever pitch when Gore's "Inconvenient Truth" movie was released, many are advocating that we must take drastic measures in an attempt to deal with global climate change, including making drastic changes in Iowa in order to impact global climate. During the 2007 session, an advisory council called the Iowa Climate Change Advisory Council (ICCAC) was established with the purpose to bring to the legislature a list of recommendations regarding future greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions policies.

Among the recommendations so far from this group is to require a 80-90% reduction in GHG emissions by 2050. Since GHG emissions are created from the use of petroleum products; diesel, gasoline, propane, natural gas and from the burning of coal as well as many natural occurrences that generate GHG, a reduction by 90% would indeed be a drastic change. The chair of the ICCAC, when pressed on the issue this week, regarding what technology would be used to accomplish this he replied, "It doesn't exist". Oh!! So I and others are supposed to sit idly by while people who are anxiously engaged in an effort that would totally dismantle our economy and lifestyles do their thing and feeling justified in doing so by faulty scientific data?! Not so fast, Kimo Sabe!!

You might find it of interest that in England they have a law that prohibits propaganda from being used in the schools. You may not have heard of it but a truck driver sued a school under this statute and won. You can get the details by going to <http://www.newsbusters.org/blogs/noel-sheppard/2007/10/09/court-identifies-eleven-inaccuracies-al-gore-s-inconvenient-truth> In the case they identified 11 issues that could not be verified by any scientific data or were absolutely wrong.

I was told last week that this movie is being used in a local school to *educate* some of the students. Maybe we need that kind of a law in Iowa.

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