



Iowans for Tax Relief President Ed Failor, Jr. Meets with *The Des Moines Register* Editorial Board

The Des Moines Register Editorial Board has been conducting a series of editorial-board meetings about the state budget. Monday, January 26, Iowans for Tax Relief President, Ed Failor, Jr. discussed state budget needs, taxes, infrastructure funding and a variety of other fiscal issues with the Editorial Board.

A video replay of the entire meeting is available online through *The Des Moines Register* website at: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2009301260010>.

If you would like to hear the discussion on a specific portion of the meeting, below is a summary with the corresponding time in the video:

- 0:00 to 17:48 minutes: State budget, bonding proposals, and infrastructure needs.
- 17:49 minutes: Government spending in relation to growth and the gap between private and public salaries.
- 25:00 minutes: Size of government and how much is too much to tax the taxpayer.
- 27:16 minutes: Multi-year budgeting and consistency for government programs and the importance of constitutionally protected dollars are important.
- 30:05 minutes: Property and income taxes; what is right and what is wrong?
- 40:18 minutes: Medicaid and government responsibility.
- 42:10 minutes: Consumption taxes, internet sales tax, streamlined sales tax.
- 45:30 minutes: Corporate incentive programs, corporate taxes, collective bargaining, and right to work.
- 51:00 minutes: Income taxes, lower tax states, and quality of life.
- 53:10 minutes: Prioritize the spending of property tax dollars.
- 55:07 minutes: Iowa Taxpayer Transparency Act questions.
- 57:00 minutes: Moving forward to make changes in Iowa.
- 59:30 minutes: How politics affects the process of improving Iowa.
- 1:03:00 minutes: Effects of true transparency in government spending and who really pays corporate taxes.
- 1:09:52 minutes: How much should government be responsible for to help after the recent natural disasters?

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The Watchdog is a weekly update of issues which are being considered by the Iowa Legislature. It is a service to members of Iowans for Tax Relief. Permission is granted to forward this to any interested individuals.

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