

FRESHMAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Iowa State Representative Greg Forristall of rural Macedonia spoke to Club members about his experiences during his first session as a legislator. Forristall stated the discussion of issues always gets down to questions of funding. The state budget grew 10% last year and is expected to grow 10% next year. Yet, we all want good roads and better schools and other government service improvements. The questions legislators always deal with are how to make improvements to various programs and how to pay for them. Forristall said he has found his first session experience enjoyable. He had spent a lot of time around the state house before being elected representative, so he already knew many of his fellow legislators. Debate on the future funding of roads and school infrastructure is expected to be high on the legislative calendar for the next session. Forristall welcomes opinions and comments on these and other issues to be addressed by the legislature. He can be contacted by e-mail at greg.forristall@legis.state.ia.us or called at the Statehouse in Des Moines at 515-281-3221.