

2021 LEGISLATIVE GUIDE

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2021 LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

- **1/12** : Session Opens
12pm (CST)
State of the State
- **1/13** : *State of the
Judiciary*
- **1/14** : *State of the Tribes*
- **1/18** : ***Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day***
- **1/26** : Bill draft requests
submitted to LRC by
5:00pm (for unlimited
introduction)

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2021: YOUR DEMOCRACY, YOUR VOICE, YOUR ACTION

The fact that you're reading this guide means you've probably got some interest in the Legislative Session. **And you might be wondering, in a year like this one, whether we stand a chance at making a difference.**

As a former legislator, I've sat on the other side of the table, and I understand how it can seem like lobbyists run the show. Frankly, sometimes they do. But when concerned citizens show up, legislators notice. Citizens taking the time to show up, to call, to write letters and emails shows that people who aren't paid for their engagement are willing to spend their own time and money to express their opinions on issues of concern to them.

I'm reminded of a time back in the 90's when the legislature tried to impose a 4% sales tax on trucking. If a farmer or rancher hired a trucker to take his cows to the sale barn, he'd have to pay tax on that. I compare it to when you buy something online and you might pay tax on the item itself, but you don't pay tax on the shipping of that item. A number of farmer and rancher groups organized their members, and a whole bunch of them showed up in Pierre—some who testified in committee and some just watched. I can tell you when you're on the House floor and you look up in the Gallery and see it packed with people there for a certain issue, you take note.

That packed-gallery scenario can't happen this year because of COVID. Which means that more than ever, we need to be vigilant about what's going on and let our legislators know where we stand.

Sometimes legislators will get dozens, if not hundreds of cookie-cutter postcards on an issue, and after a while they all get ignored. But if concerned citizens sit down and write a few short paragraphs from the heart, legislators pay attention. If you send an email, make it to the point, but make it personal. Legislators don't have time to read a six-page screed, but if they can see it's a short message from an actual constituent, that matters. If you have their home or cell phone numbers, give them a call. The pages who answer the Capitol phones will probably shorten your message and maybe spell your name wrong, so if you have time to call your legislators personally, do it—just preferably not at one o'clock in the morning, which happened to me once! And, be polite—as much as you might like to, I would avoid calling anyone names, but that doesn't mean you can't be forceful about your issue.

You don't have to have everyone on your side, but if you get everyone who is on your side to show up (safer in a virtual way these days) that can look like a lot.

—Nick Nemec, DRA East River-at-Large Board Member

2021 LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR cont'd

- **1/28** : Last day for unlimited bill & joint resolution introduction (TWO HOURS prior to session)
- **2/1** : All bill draft requests submitted to LRC by 5:00pm
- **2/2** : Committee bill and joint resolution requests due to LRC by 5:00pm
- **2/3** : Last day for introduction of individual bills and joint resolutions (TWO HOURS prior to session)
- **2/4** : Last day for introduction of committee bills and joint resolutions (TWO HOURS prior to session)
- **2/15** : ***Presidents' Day***
- **2/23** : Concurrent resolution requests due to LRC by 5:00pm, and Last day to use J.R. 5-17
- **2/24** : Last day to move required delivery of bills or resolutions by a committee to the house of origin
- **2/25** : Last day to pass bills or joint resolutions by the house of origin (Crossover Day), AND Last day for final introduction of Concurrent/House/Senate resolutions
- **3/4** : Last day to move required delivery of bills or joint resolutions by a committee to the second house, AND Last day for introduction of commemorations
- **3/8** : Last day for a bill or joint resolution to pass both houses
- **3/11** : Session Ends
- **3/29** : Reserved for consideration & overriding of gubernatorial vetoes

LETTER FROM THE LOBBYIST

A note on what to expect from the 2021 Legislative Session

Welcome to the 2021 South Dakota Legislative Session.

It's mind-boggling that the first time I learned about COVID-19 was near the close of the last session. Then, in early April, Bob Glanzer, a legislator representing the Huron area, passed away from the virus. At this writing, more than fifteen hundred South Dakotans have died of the virus, and over one hundred thousand have fallen ill—many with lasting negative effects.

With the pandemic still raging, many have wondered what the 2021 session would look like and if it would be safe for legislators, staff, lobbyists, and citizens to participate. Less than a week before session began, the Legislative Leadership issued its protocols—which fail to meet CDC guidelines to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

In other words, the Capitol will not be safe.

Accordingly, for the first time in recent memory, DRA's lobbyist will not be physically on the scene in Pierre. However, I will continue to work the legislative session on a full-time basis from DRA's office in Rapid City, as well as providing weekly updates, action alerts, and potentially even some in-depth podcasts on the issues. As many members are aware, SD Public Broadcasting's SD.Net provides real-time broadcast of all committee meetings and floor sessions, as well as archiving those sessions for later listening. And as always, email and especially phone calls can be an effective way to reach legislators—sometimes more effective than attempting to chase them down in the Capitol.

Additionally, one bright spot in the protocols for this session encourages remote testimony at committee meetings. While call-in testimony has previously been at the pleasure of committee chairs, this guideline may create more opportunities for citizen input than were previously available.

I'll miss my Pierre "family" and friends this year—they make the intensity of the session bearable and even fun. I worry for the health of legislators and staff—and for their families as well.

But DRA's biggest priority is to keep our people and communities safe, and I know that we can do that while continuing to build power to make the positive changes we all want in this state.

Best,

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2021 Senate Committees

Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources

Meets: T/TH 10:00 am Room: 423
Chair: Smich, V.J. Vice-Chair: Klumb, Joshua
Senators: Cammack, Gary (R); Duvall, Mary (R); Frye-Mueller, Julie (R); Heinert, Troy (D); Klumb, Joshua (R); Otten, Herman (R); Smith, V.J. (R)

Senate Commerce & Energy

Meets: T/TH 10:00 am Room: 412
Chair: Crabtree, Casey Vice-Chair: Schoenbeck, Lee
Senators: Crabtree, Casey (R); Foster, Red Dawn (D); Novstrup, Al (R); Schoenbeck, Lee (R); Stalzer, Jim (R); Steinhauer, Wayne (R); Tobin, Erin (R); Wheeler, David (R); Zikmund, Larry (R)

Senate Committee on Appropriations

Meets: M/T/W/TH/F 8:00 am Room: 362
Chair: Hunhoff, Jean Vice-Chair: Breitling, Bryan
Senators: Breitling, Bryan (R); Greenfield, Brock (R); Hunhoff, Jean (R); Johnson, David (R); Kolbeck, Jack (R); Maher, Ryan (R); Nesiba, Reynold (D); Sutton, Margaret (R); Wiik, John (R)

Senate Education

Meets: T/TH 7:45 am Room: 423
Chair: Curd, R. Blake Vice-Chair: Schoenfish, Kyle
Senators: Bolin, Jim (R); Curd, R. Blake (R); Heinert, Troy (D); Schoenfish, Kyle (R); Smith, V.J. (R); Steinhauer, Wayne (R); Tobin, Erin (R)

Senate Health & Human Services

Meets: M/W/F 10:00 am Room: 412
Chair: Steinhauer, Wayne Vice-Chair: Tobin, Erin
Senators: Curd, R. Blake (R); Duvall, Mary (R); Foster, Red Dawn (D); Rusch, Arthur (R); Smith, V.J. (R); Steinhauer, Wayne (R); Tobin, Erin (R)

Senate Judiciary

Meets: T/TH 7:45 am Room: 413
Chair: Rusch, Arthur Vice-Chair: Duhamel, Helene
Senators: Diedrich, Michael (R); Duhamel, Helene (R); Johns, Timothy (R); Rohl, Michael (R); Rusch, Arthur (R); Schoenbeck, Lee (R); Wheeler, David (R)

Senate Local Government

Meets: M/W/F 7:45 am Room: 412
Chair: Otten, Herman Vice-Chair: Diedrich, Michael
Senators: Bolin, Jim (R); Cammack, Gary (R); Diedrich, Michael (R); Foster, Red Dawn (D); Frye-Mueller, Julie (R); Klumb, Joshua (R); Otten, Herman (R)

Senate State Affairs

Meets: M/W/F 10:00 am Room: 414
Chair: Cammack, Gary Vice-Chair: Diedrich, Michael
Senators: Bolin, Jim (R); Cammack, Gary (R); Crabtree, Casey (R); Diedrich, Michael (R); Duhamel, Helene (R); Heinert, Troy (D); Rohl, Michael (R); Schoenbeck, Lee (R); Schoenfish, Kyle (R)

Senate Taxation

Meets: M/W/F 10:00 am Room: 423
Chair: Johns, Timothy Vice-Chair: Symens, Marsha
Senators: Castleberry, Jessica (R); Johns, Timothy (R); Klumb, Joshua (R); Novstrup, Al (R); Otten, Herman (R); Stalzer, Jim (R); Symens, Marsha (R)

Senate Transportation

Meets: M/W/F 7:45 am Room: 423
Chair: Duvall, Mary Vice-Chair: Castleberry, Jessica
Senators: Castleberry, Jessica (R); Crabtree, Casey (R); Duvall, Mary (R); Heinert, Troy (D); Schoenfish, Kyle (R); Symens, Marsha (R); Zikmund, Larry (R)

2021 House Committees

House Agriculture & Natural Resources

Meets: T/TH 7:45 am Room: 414
Chair: Overweg, Marty Vice-Chair: Hoffman, Charlie
Representatives: Blare, Rocky (R); Chase, Roger (R); Finck, Caleb (R); Goodwin, Tim (R); Hoffman, Charlie (R); Ladner, Trish (R); Lesmeister, Oren (D); Marty, Sam (R); Overweg, Marty (R); Schneider, Lynn (R); Vasgaard, Richard (R); Wink, Dean (R); York, Nancy (R)

House Commerce & Energy

Meets: M/W/F 10:00 am Room: 464
Chair: Milstead, Rhonda Vice-Chair: Beal, Arch
Representatives: Anderson, David (R); Bartels, Hugh (R); Arch, Beal (R); Bordeaux, Shawn (D); Ladner, Trish (R); Milstead, Rhonda (R); Perry, Carl (R); Reed, Tim (R); Schneider, Lynn (R); Vasgaard, Richard (R); Weis, Kaleb (R); Weisgram, Mike (R); Willadsen, Mark (R)

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Chair: Karr, Chris Vice-Chair: Howard, Taffy
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House Education

Meets: M/W/F 7:45 am Room: 413
Chair: Greenfield, Lana Vice-Chair: Peterson, Sue
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House Health & Human Services

Meets: T/TH 7:45 am Room: 412
Chair: Jensen, Kevin Vice-Chair: Deutsch, Fred
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Meets: M/W/F 10:00 am Room: 413
Chair: Hansen, Jon Vice-Chair: Stevens, Mike
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House Local Government

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Chair: York, Nancy Vice-Chair: Jamison, Greg
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House State Affairs

Meets: M/W/F 7:45 am Room: 414
Chair: Peterson, Kent Vice-Chair: Johnson, Chris
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House Taxation

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House Transportation

Meets: T/TH 10:00 am Room: 413
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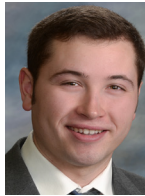
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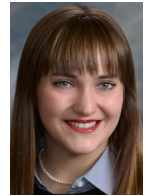
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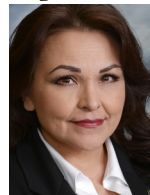
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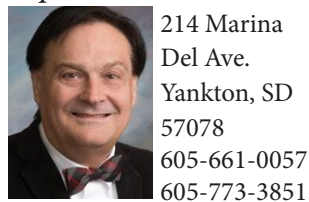
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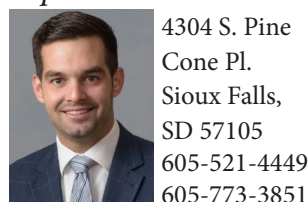
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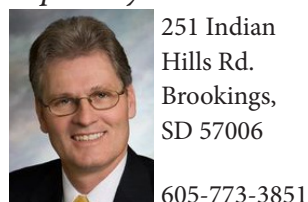
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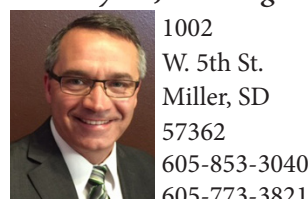
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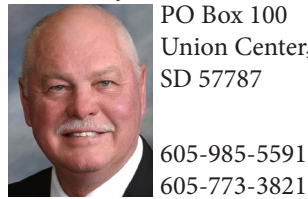
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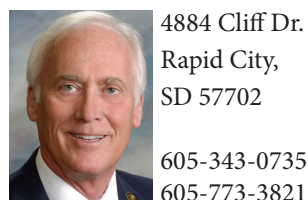
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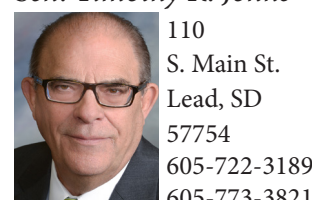
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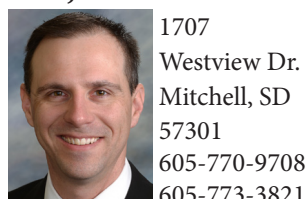
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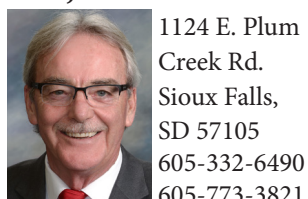
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Stop the Proposed Department of Ag/DENR Merger! **Call your legislators!**

Governor Noem wants to merge the SD Department of Agriculture with the
Department of Environment & Natural Resources.

Here's what you need to know:

- Only two states have combined ag and environment agencies (Alaska & Rhode Island). Those states have ag production in the low millions, while SD boasts over \$10 BILLION in ag production.
- Taxpayers stand to save less than half a million dollars in this merger—mostly through combining currently vacant inspection positions with other, very different duties. We have a hard time hiring now; will that situation improve when we double the workload?
- DENR is not just about ag inspection, it's also about protecting our municipal drinking water and preserving beneficial recreational uses of our rivers and lakes, as well as safeguarding water from toxic mining impacts.
- States like South Dakota with large agricultural economies need and deserve a Department of Agriculture whose sole focus is advocating for all of our diverse producers and addressing their needs and challenges.
- DENR should advise, regulate and enforce practices that protect public health and South Dakota's natural resources for current use and for tomorrow.

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