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**Rants Releases Statement on Governor's Immigration Study**

(DES MOINES)—Today House Republican Leader Christopher Rants (R-Sioux City) released a statement upon learning that Governor Culver will be forming a special committee to address Iowa immigration reform.

“If Democrats would have addressed the serious issue of illegal immigration in Iowa during the legislative session, this still wouldn't be a problem today,” said Rants. “The truth is, Democrats never had any intention of solving the problems associated with illegal immigration. Instead they just wanted to play politics with an issue to look busy during an election year.”

Rants added that House Republicans supported numerous pieces of legislation aimed at solving Iowa's problems with illegal immigration. Some of those include requiring employers to participate in e-Verify before receiving state development assistance as well as restricting the eligibility for Iowa's drivers licenses.

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