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House backs 5-year study of odors from livestock

Bill's opponents say the issue has been reviewed enough

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Lawmakers approved a controversial, five-year study of livestock odors late Thursday, but a legislative leader says they may not provide any money this year for the \$23 million project. Opponents said House File 2688 is a waste of money and a multi-year legislative tactic to avoid addressing odor issues. There have been dozens of odor studies going

back as far as 1959, and high-tech mitigation solutions are already on the market, they said. Supporters of the study said it would be more comprehensive than past studies and would look closely at quickly developing technology. Nothing in the proposal prevents lawmakers from taking action before the five-year study is finished, they note. The bill passed the House on a 66-34 vote. It now goes to the

Senate. "Yes, there has been odor research in the past, but a lot of it has been directed at what causes it," said Rep. Dave Deyoe, a Republican from Nevada who has several animal confinement operations in his district. "This is sort of the next step." Opponents say the delay needlessly puts in jeopardy the lives of

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Previous study

A 2002 study by Iowa State University and the University of Iowa linked respiratory illnesses with large animal confinements. The study recommended that manure be largely covered by soil immediately upon field application, which helps to reduce odor. Gov. Tom Vilsack ordered the study.

Iowa native's 377 total days in space set U.S. record

Peggy Whitson, who has also logged more time on spacewalks (almost 40 hours) than any woman in the world, returns to Earth on Saturday.

By **TODD HALVORSON**
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Cape Canaveral, Fla. — The International Space Station's first female commander will return to Earth early Saturday, winding up the largest and most significant expansion in a decade-long construction project. Flying in a Russian Soyuz spacecraft, NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson and two crewmates will land in Kazakhstan around 3:30 a.m. Central time Saturday.



Whitson

Whitson, 48, is a native Iowan who was raised on a hog-and-soybean farm near the tiny town of Beaconsfield. Whitson will set a new U.S. benchmark for the most cumulative time in space: 377 days on two missions. She also holds the women's world record for the most spacewalking time tallied: 39 hours and 46 minutes during six career excursions. During her six-month tour of duty, the orbiting outpost doubled in size and at long last sports European and Japanese sections. "I think we have taken a big step in making it a truly international space station, and I'm very proud to have been a part of that," Whitson said this week. "This place is huge," said U.S. astronaut

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Pope Benedict XVI, displayed on a giant video screen behind an altar, presides over an open-air Mass celebrated in 10 languages Thursday at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C., the first public Mass of his U.S. pilgrimage. Benedict called the United States a land of opportunity and mixed praise for the American experience with an effort to touch consciences, something he has been doing since the start of his trip on Tuesday. **Related article, Page 3A**

THE SCENE

At 5:45 a.m., more than four hours before the Mass, it was standing-room only on subways. The Mass was held on a beautiful, sunny spring morning. Pope Benedict XVI led the service from an altar erected in center field of the recently inaugurated Nationals Park. He was joined by rows of red-robed church leaders. The enthusiastic crowd of more than 45,000 burst into cheers when Benedict entered the stadium in his "Popemobile."

THE MASS

During the first public Mass of his U.S. trip, Pope Benedict XVI touched on issues including:

- Catholics must welcome immigrants "within the unity of the Catholic faith."
- Catholics must do more to prepare children for the challenges of a secular world.
- Catholics are divided and many "embrace attitudes contrary to the truth of the Gospel."

WHAT'S NEXT

Pope Benedict XVI's schedule:

TODAY: The pope will address the United Nations at 8:45 a.m. Central Standard Time.

SATURDAY: The pope will celebrate Mass at 8 a.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

SUNDAY: The pope will visit ground zero at 8:30 a.m. in New York. He will celebrate Mass at Yankee Stadium at 1:30 p.m. CST.

Parents push for organic school lunches

Food coordinators for 3 Iowa districts say following the trend would be pricey.

By **ERIN JORDAN**
REGISTER IOWA CITY BUREAU

Iowa City, Ia. — Nearly 300 Iowa City parents have signed a petition to get more organic, locally grown food into their youngsters' school lunches. Food service coordinators for three Iowa school districts say they are trying to buy more local food, but organic fare is nearly impossible without drastically increasing meal costs. "There needs to be a reality check," said Diane Duncan-Goldsmith, director of food services for the Iowa City school district. "Is this something schools can do? Maybe if we want to have \$4 or \$5 lunches." Other school districts nationally are offering organic foods, with one district dropping desserts in order to offer the fare. The Better Iowa City School Food committee will deliver its petition to the Iowa City

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The Des Moines Sunday Register will have the latest analysis of how Iowans are struggling to prevent foreclosures, but starting today you can get new information at DesMoinesRegister.com/homeloans:

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