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 Fish and Game.

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide that a survey be made of Drainage District No. 13 in Muscatine County with the purpose of abandoning said district and converting the area into a wildlife refuge.

WHEREAS, Drainage District No. 13 in Muscatine County as established requires the use of pumping stations to properly control the water level so that the land may be farmed, and

WHEREAS, this method of drainage as applied to this sub-marginal land is expensive and far from satisfactory and it would be better to abandon this futile attempt to effectively drain this land, for the State of Iowa has, since 1923, spent \$61,595.10 by appropriation to aid this district, as follows:

| APPROPRIATION * * * * | Muscatine County |
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| 50th G. A.. | \$1,418.88 |
| 49th G. A.. | 1,144.77 |
| 48th G. A.. | 452.59 |
| 47th G. A.. | 2,583.13 |
| 46th G. A.. | 1,319.47 |
| 45th G. A.. | 1,907.78 |
| 44th G. A.. | 5,424.02 |
| 43rd G. A.. | 4,708.53 |
| 42nd G. A.. | 2,197.22 |
| 41st G. A.. | 1,718.06 |
| 40th G. A.. | 38,720.65 (1923) |
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| | \$61,595.10 |

, and

there is now pending in this Legislature a bill to appropriate \$6,038.62 additional to this district, said bill being House File No. 178 and Senate File No. 58, and

WHEREAS, it would have been better from a standpoint of economy and as a move to conserve natural resources to have

spent this money to establish a wildlife refuge in this area,
now therefore

Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. The State Conservation Commission is empowered
2 and directed to make a survey of Drainage District No. 13 in
3 Muscatine County to ascertain the cost of acquiring the land
4 of said district by purchase, gift, condemnation or otherwise
5 for the use by the people of the state as a wildlife refuge.

1 Sec. 2. The State Conservation Commission may secure
2 options of purchase on said land, may accept gifts, and shall
3 make appraisals of said land and shall report to the 52d
4 General Assembly, within thirty days after convening, an
5 estimate of the total cost to the state of acquiring title to
6 the land in said district.