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Passed Senate, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Passed House, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved .....

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

A Joint Resolution to provide a committee to choose designs for a new Great Seal for the State of Iowa, to revise the motto of the State, to conduct a contest to secure designs for said Seal and to provide an appropriation therefor.

WHEREAS, The Great Seal of the State of Iowa as adopted by the First General Assembly in chapter 112 of the Acts thereof is as follows: "a sheaf and field of standing wheat, with a sickle and other farming utensils, on the left side near the bottom; a lead furnace and pile of pig lead on the right side; the citizen soldier, with a plow in his rear, supporting the American flag and liberty cap with his right hand, and his gun with his left, in the center and near the bottom; the Mississippi river in the rear of the whole, with the steamer Iowa under way; an eagle near the upper edge, holding in his beak a scroll, with the following inscription upon it: Our liberties we prize, and our rights we will maintain.", and

WHEREAS, said Great Seal does not adequately reflect all the true characteristics of Iowa as it is now launched on its second century of statehood in the following particulars:

First—it stresses the military aspect of government in the most prominent position,

Second—it depicts wheat as our only agricultural product, while wheat is only one of our many important farm crops, and

Third—it depicts a lead furnace and bars of pig lead in a prominent position, while the lead industry in Iowa is now of minor importance if not wholly extinct, and

Fourth—it depicts a mode of transportation, the side-wheel steamboat, which has almost wholly disappeared, and

WHEREAS, the motto on the Great Seal is excellent as far

as it goes but it would be well to add to it a proclamation that we as citizens of Iowa will perform our civic duties so that when changed it will read, "Our Liberties We Prize, Our Rights We Will Maintain, And Our Duties We Will Perform", Now Therefore

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 Section 1. A special committee of nine (9) members is  
2 hereby created, which committee shall consist of three (3)  
3 members of the Senate of the 55th General Assembly to be  
4 appointed by the President of the Senate; three (3) members  
5 of the House of Representatives of the 55th General Assembly  
6 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and three (3)  
7 members to be chosen, by the Legislative members so appointed,  
8 from the public officers and employees and citizens of the State  
9 of Iowa. Any vacancies which may occur in the membership shall  
10 be filled by appointment in the same manner and by the same  
11 officials and from the same group as the original appointment.  
12 The committee shall choose a chairman from among its members  
13 and shall adopt the rules of conduct of its proceedings.

1 Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the committee to choose  
2 designs for a new Great Seal of the State of Iowa and report  
3 their choices for consideration by the 56th General Assembly.

1 Sec. 3. The design for said Great Seal shall be chosen  
2 from designs submitted by the public and private school  
3 students of Iowa in open competition. The committee shall  
4 formulate the rules for said competition and shall award  
5 prizes in order for the three best designs in the opinion of

6 said committee. Excellence of draftsmanship in the designs  
7 may be considered but shall not be of primary importance and  
8 the committee may reserve the right to cause any design  
9 submitted to be reproduced, in whole or in part or altered,  
10 by experienced artisans. The first prize shall consist of  
11 one thousand dollars; second prize shall consist of seven  
12 hundred fifty dollars, and third prize shall consist of five  
13 hundred dollars. The chairman of said committee shall prior  
14 to convening of the 56th General Assembly certify to the State  
15 Comptroller the names of the winning contestants and said  
16 prize shall be awarded in joint convention of the 56th  
17 General Assembly. There is hereby appropriated from any  
18 moneys of the general fund, not otherwise appropriated, an  
19 amount sufficient to pay said awards and the State Comptroller  
20 shall draw warrants thereon in favor of the contestants so  
21 certified.

1 Sec. 4. The motto for the State of Iowa shall be, "Our  
2 Liberties We Prize, Our Rights We Will Maintain, and Our Duties  
3 We Will Perform." The designs for the Great Seal considered by  
4 the committee shall incorporate the theme of "Liberties",  
5 "Rights" and "Duties" and be so designed as to be suitable  
6 for reproduction in a circle two inches in diameter and  
7 including therein the words "Great Seal of the State of Iowa".

1 Sec. 5. The members of said committee shall be reimbursed  
2 for their actual and necessary expenses incurred by them in  
3 the discharge of their duties. Members of the committee shall

4 receive only such compensation as the 56th General Assembly  
5 may allow. There is hereby appropriated from any moneys in  
6 the general fund not otherwise appropriated an amount  
7 sufficient to cover said expenses.

1 Sec. 6. This Act being of immediate importance, shall  
2 be in full force and effect from and after its publication  
3 in the Hardin County Index, a newspaper published at Eldora,  
4 Iowa, and in the Daily Times, a newspaper published at  
5 Davenport, Iowa.

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1 Amend Section 4 of Senate Joint Resolution 1 by striking the first  
2 sentence thereof and inserting in lieu the following:  
3 "Sec. 4. The motto for the State of Iowa shall incorporate  
4 the theme of 'Liberties', 'Rights' and 'Duties'."

Filed  
February 12, 1953.

By COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

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1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 1 by adding at the  
2 end of section three (3) the following: "The committee  
3 created by this resolution is authorized to accept, in  
4 lieu of any part or all said appropriation from the  
5 general fund, any moneys which may be made available  
6 for said awards by the Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation  
7 and any other moneys said foundation may make available  
8 for the purposes of this resolution."

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