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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

A Joint Resolution to create a special committee to make a study of the feasibility, location, construction, means of financing and mode of operation of a turnpike between the eastern and western boundaries of the state of Iowa, and to make recommendations to the governor and the general assembly, prescribing the authority of such committee and making appropriation for expenses.

WHEREAS, there is reason to believe that the facilitation of vehicular traffic between the eastern and western boundaries of the state of Iowa has become a matter of extreme importance to all concerned and will be to the benefit of the people of the state of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, there is reason to believe that a turnpike or cross-state highway is the most feasible means of accomplishing the desired results, and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that the governor and the general assembly should have available for consideration all possible pertinent facts concerning the practicability, location, construction, means of financing and mode of operation of said turnpike based upon a careful and impartial study of such a plan; therefore,

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

- 1 Section 1. That a special committee is hereby created to
- 2 be known as the committee on cross-state turnpike, which shall
- 3 be composed of nine (9) members, three of which shall be appointed
- 4 by the speaker of the house of representatives, three of which
- 5 shall be appointed by the president of the senate, and three
- 6 of whom shall be appointed by the governor, and that in addition

7 thereto one member of the state highway commission, to be
8 designated by such highway commission, shall serve ex-officio
9 as a consulting member of said committee only.

1 Sec. 2. The committee shall have full power and authority
2 to study, inquire into and examine all pertinent matters relating
3 to the feasibility, possible location, best means and mode of
4 construction, possible methods and means of financing and methods
5 and means of operation of a turnpike and to make a report and
6 recommendations in connection therewith, and in general to inquire
7 into every matter and thing whatsoever affecting or relating to
8 such proposed turnpike.

1 Sec. 3. Said committee shall choose a chairman from its
2 members, shall adopt rules for conduct of his proceedings, and
3 is hereby empowered to employ a secretary or such other aids and
4 employees as are necessary in connection with the business of
5 the committee. It is hereby empowered also to employ such expert
6 assistance as may be deemed necessary for the studies herein
7 authorized including the employment of a recognized highway or
8 traffic agency to make a traffic survey to assist the committee.
9 The committee may hold public hearings, may subpoena witnesses
10 and in such event any such witnesses shall be entitled to witness
11 fees as in trials in the district court and to actual traveling
12 expenses while attending upon the committee, such expenses to
13 be audited and approved by the committee, but no Iowa public
14 employee shall be entitled to witness fees but may be allowed
15 actual expenses. The committee shall have access to all public

16 records and shall be given the co-operation of all public officials
17 and shall generally have all the powers of any legislative committee.
18 The committee may at any time or from time to time be divided into
19 subcommittees of one or more of its members, and any such
20 subcommittees shall have the power to hold meetings and conduct
21 study in any part of the state. The committee may also, if
22 deemed necessary, cause studies to be made of turnpike or cross-
23 state highways in other states and may designate, if necessary,
24 subcommittees for making such studies. The committee or any
25 member thereof or the secretary of the committee shall have power
26 to administer oaths.

1 Sec. 4. The committee shall have the co-operation of the
2 state highway commission in the performance of its duties and
3 shall have authority to call upon any department of the state
4 government for assistance in obtaining information deemed useful
5 to the committee.

1 Sec. 5. Vacancies in the committee shall be filled under
2 the same authority and restrictions as the original appointment.
3 Members of the committee, save and except the ex-officio member,
4 shall receive a compensation of ten (\$10.00) dollars per day
5 for days actually engaged in the work of the committee, together
6 with actual and necessary expenses incurred by them in the
7 actual discharge of their duties. The committee shall have the
8 power to fix the compensation of its secretary and other aids and
9 employees, and shall, if necessary, be provided suitable office
10 space for the conduct of its studies by the state executive

11 council.

1 Sec. 6. The committee shall enter into its duties as soon
2 as membership has been appointed. It shall make a report, including
3 drafts of proposed legislative bills, to the governor on or
4 before the fifteenth day of November, 1954, and thereupon the
5 governor shall cause to be printed the necessary number of copies
6 of said report, including the draft of proposed legislative bills,
7 and cause copies of same to be mailed to the elective members of
8 the fifty-sixth general assembly on or before the fifteenth day
9 of January, 1955. The expense thereof shall be paid from the
10 funds hereinafter provided. Upon the making of said report to
11 the governor, the committee shall stand discharged. The committee
12 shall also be prepared to report to any regular or special session
13 of the general assembly of Iowa.

1 Sec. 7. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund
2 of the state not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred
3 thousand (\$100,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary
4 to carry out the proposals of this Act and for compensation and
5 expenses of said committee and the aids and employees of said
6 committee and its members to be paid out of the general fund of
7 the state on vouchers to be approved by the chairman or secretary
8 of the committee and audited according to law. Any moneys expended
9 from the appropriation made by this section shall constitute an
10 obligation against the revenues which may accrue from the operation
11 of any turnpike which may be constructed following the studies
12 made by said committee and shall, before any interest or dividend

13 payments to the bondholders in said turnpike, be returned to the
14 general fund of the state without interest.

1 Sec. 8. This Act being deemed of immediate importance shall
2 be in full force and effect from and after its publication in the
3 Anthon Herald, a newspaper published at Anthon, Iowa, and The
4 Evening Journal, a newspaper published at Washington, Iowa.

