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Departmental Affairs.

House File 334
By PETRUCCELLI and DIETZ.

Passed House, Date..... Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays..... Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved.....

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the duties of the commerce counsel.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section four hundred seventy-five point seven
- 2 (475.7), Code 1954, subsection five (5), is hereby amended
- 3 as follows:
- 4 1. By inserting in line six (6) of said subsection after
- 5 the word, "commission" the words, ", or brought by or against
- 6 any other public utility before any other tribunal having
- 7 jurisdiction,".
- 8 2. By striking from line seven (7) of subsection five
- 9 (5) the words, "are interested." and inserting in lieu thereof
- 10 the words, "have an interest, when, in his judgment, his
- 11 appearance is necessary for the protection of said interest,
- 12 or when requested to appear by the state commerce commission."

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 334

The commerce counsel, under the present statutes, is not expressly given the authority to appear before tribunals other than the interstate commerce commission which have jurisdiction over types of public utilities other than common carriers of persons and property.

The Iowa state commerce commission in the exercise of its jurisdiction over such matters as transmission lines, pipelines transporting gas, gasoline and other inflammable products, should be provided the means by which representation may be had in proceedings before these other regulatory tribunals having jurisdiction over these matters at the federal level, and in which Iowa interests will be affected. For example, recently a demand was made by citizens and industries in Iowa for state representation before the federal power commission in proceedings involving the equitable distribution of natural gas as between Iowa communities and communities in other states. The commerce commission ought to be empowered to respond to such demand.

