

February 6, 1963.  
Passed on File.

**Senate File 141**  
By HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE.

Passed Senate, Date 2-12-63.....

Passed House, Date.....

Vote: Ayes 45 Nays 0.....

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

Approved.....

## A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter three hundred fourteen point three (314.3), Code 1962, for the partial elimination of the requirement of a sworn statement on all claims for reimbursement from the primary road fund.

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

- 1 Section 1. Chapter three hundred fourteen point three
- 2 (314.3), Code 1962, is hereby amended by striking the word
- 3 "sworn" from line five (5) and substituting in lieu thereof
- 4 the word "certified".
- 5 Also add the following statement after the word "approv-
- 6 al." in line nine (9): "Except when the amount of the claim
- 7 exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100.00), and in any other
- 8 instance where the state highway commission deems it appro-
- 9 priate, the claimant shall file a sworn voucher."

### EXPLANATION OF SENATE FILE 141

It is poor public relations for the state to require a small claim to be sworn to. All claims against the primary road fund are supported by a contract, purchase order or a requisition. This proposed legislation governing the control of primary road claims will make the control, the same as other state claims as provided by section 8.15 which requires only certification.

To illustrate the public relations problem the following is a copy a of letter from a small town clerk about a \$4.15 utility bill.

"Is there any other way possible that the Town of ....., Iowa, can collect their utility bill without the cost of a Notary Public. By the time we pay postage twice and cost of Notary we are working on a very thin line of profit, if any at all.

"We would be very happy if some way could be worked out to eliminate the cost of having to notarize, which costs fifty cents."