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Appropriations. *pass 5/20*

By TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

Passed House, Date *5/25*.....

Passed Senate, Date.....

Vote: Ayes *90* Nays *13*.....

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

Approved.....

*appropriations 5/25*  
*pass 5/29*

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

A Joint Resolution to create a special study committee to make a fiscal, administrative and engineering survey of Iowa's highways, roads and streets and to make an appropriation.

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

1 Section 1. A thirteen-member highway study committee is  
 2 created to make a comprehensive fiscal, administrative and en-  
 3 gineering survey of Iowa's highways, roads and streets. This  
 4 committee shall be composed of three members of the senate to  
 5 be appointed by the president of the senate, three members of  
 6 the house to be appointed by the speaker of the house, a member  
 7 of, or an engineer selected by, the state highway commission, two  
 8 municipal officials chosen by the governing body of the Iowa  
 9 League of Municipalities one of whom shall be from a city of  
 10 more than fifty thousand population, a county supervisor chosen  
 11 by the Iowa County Supervisors Association, and a county engineer  
 12 chosen by the Iowa County Engineers Association. One of the  
 13 legislative members of the committee from each house shall be  
 14 from the minority party.

1 Sec. 2. The committee shall choose a chairman from its mem-  
 2 bers and shall adopt rules for the conduct of its meetings. The  
 3 committee is authorized to employ a secretary and such other  
 4 aids and employees as are necessary to conduct its business and  
 5 to fix the compensation of the secretary and other employees.  
 6 The committee may hold public hearings, shall have access to all

7 official records, may subpoena witnesses and compel the produc-  
8 tion of books, papers, or other documents, pertaining to its  
9 investigation and study. Witnesses shall be entitled to witness  
10 fees and actual travel expenses as audited and approved by the  
11 committee. The committee may appoint subcommittees of one or  
12 more members to hold hearings and conduct investigations in any  
13 part of the state. Any member of the committee shall have the  
14 power to administer oaths.

1 Sec. 3. This committee shall have the duty and authority to  
2 study any aspect of the service of providing roads for Iowa  
3 citizens. The study shall be concerned with all primary high-  
4 ways, including interstate highways; all secondary roads, in-  
5 cluding farm-to-market roads; and municipal streets. Special  
6 attention should be given to the following:

7 1. An engineering study of the present deficiencies and the  
8 future needs of all highways, roads and streets in the state;

9 2. A finance study to determine the adequacy of highway  
10 revenues, both state and local, to meet these deficiencies and  
11 needs.

12 3. A safety study to determine what is being done and what  
13 more can be done to make Iowa's roads safer;

14 4. An analysis of the highway, road and street laws to  
15 determine how these can be strengthened to enable highway admin-  
16 istrators to do a better job.

17 5. To bringing up to date the results of the engineering  
18 study of the Automotive Safety Foundation and current conditions.

1 Sec. 4. The committee shall make recommendations to the  
2 Sixty-second General Assembly on matters of management, financ-

3 ing, safety, construction and maintenance of our highway system.

4 These recommendations shall include, but shall not be limited to,  
5 the following:

6 1. A recommendation for sound legislative policies and  
7 management practices to be followed in primary highway construc-  
8 tion and maintenance.

9 2. A recommendation for an equitable basis for distribution  
10 of state highway revenues so that this money will be spent where  
11 it is most needed;

12 3. A recommendation for techniques to be used to get closer  
13 co-ordination between the state and local units in planning and  
14 constructing our highways, roads and streets.

1 Sec. 5. The committee shall have the authority to utilize  
2 the facilities of the state highway commission and other state  
3 and federal agencies to complete this study and shall seek the  
4 co-operation of county road and municipal street officials. The  
5 highway commission may, with the approval of the committee, employ  
6 the necessary engineering and other technical assistants to  
7 complete the study.

1 Sec. 6. Members of the committee shall be reimbursed for  
2 the actual and necessary expenses incurred by them in the dis-  
3 charge of their duties. In addition, committee members shall  
4 be paid such amounts as the Sixty-second General Assembly may  
5 allow.

1 Sec. 7. The report of this committee and all proposed bills  
2 shall be submitted to the governor and all members of the general  
3 assembly at least two months prior to the convening of the gen-  
4 eral assembly in 1967.

1    Sec. 8. There is hereby appropriated from the road use tax  
2 fund, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of this  
4 Act; the compensation of the employees of the committee and for  
5 expenses of such committee and its members as provided herein,  
6 to be paid out of the state treasury on vouchers to be approved  
7 by the chairman or secretary of the committee and audited ac-  
8 cording to law.