

REPORT OF THE
MUNICIPAL CODE SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEES ON CITIES AND TOWNS

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F I N A L R E P O R T
MUNICIPAL CODE SUBCOMMITTEES
OF THE
SENATE AND HOUSE
COMMITTEES ON CITIES AND TOWNS

On August 11, 1971, the Legislative Council approved the proposal of the Senate and House Standing Committees on Cities and Towns to hold one or two meetings of the Municipal Code Subcommittees, for the purpose of reaching agreement on pending amendments to the Municipal Code bill and resolving House-Senate differences.

Senator Ralph W. Potter, Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Cities and Towns, had previously appointed the following members to the Municipal Code Subcommittee:

Senator John C. Rhodes, Chairman
Senator Wilson L. Davis
Senator William D. Palmer
Senator Tom Riley

Representative Don D. Alt, Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Cities and Towns, has served as Chairman of the Municipal Code Subcommittee of the House and appointed the following members:

Representative Theodore R. Ellsworth
Representative Ed Skinner
Representative Nathan Sorg

The Municipal Code is now in the form of House File 574, which passed the House in the first session of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly by a vote of 83 to 2, and is scheduled for consideration by the Senate in the early days of the second session.

A meeting of the Municipal Code Subcommittee was held on November 23, 1971. Guests invited to this meeting included Mr. Philip T. Riley and Professor Robert J. Martineau, who served as member and consultant of the Municipal Code Study Committee which drafted the proposed Municipal Code, and Senator Lee H. Gaudineer, Jr., the author of many of the Senate amendments. Professor Martineau was unable to attend the meeting.

Prior to the November 23 meeting, members of the Senate and House Municipal Code Subcommittees received from the Legislative Service Bureau a cross-index between H.F. 574 and present Code sections, a summary of amendments passed by the House and amendments proposed by the Senate, and a compilation of proposed corrective amendments.

The agenda of the meeting consisted of a careful review of all amendments to H.F. 574 proposed by the Senate. Considerable agreement was reached as to the amendments which are acceptable to Senator Potter and the Subcommittee members, those which may be withdrawn, and those which must be argued before the Senate.

The proposed corrective amendments were generally acceptable to the Subcommittees, and further corrective amendments were requested, including some which were submitted by the bond counsel who worked on the bonding portions of the proposed law. These will be prepared in final form and mailed to Senator Potter and the Subcommittee members for their study and final approval prior to the 1972 session.

The Municipal Code Subcommittees plan no further meetings during this interim, but feel that they are well prepared to present H.F. 574 to the Senate and to secure House approval of the Senate amendments, so that the new "City Code of Iowa" may become law on July 1, 1972.