

TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
FOR SENATE CITIES AND TOWNS COMMITTEE

The transportation subcommittee of the Cities and Towns standing committee in the Senate, consisting of Senator Walsh, Senator Hougen, and Chairman Senator Thordsen, held meetings in Room 24A on November 12, 1969 and on December 15, 1969.

Among those present at these meetings were Mr. Mike Casey, Budget and Research Officer, City of Des Moines, Mr. Chuck White, Iowa Motor Truck Association, Mr. Richard Thornton, Des Moines, Mr. Joe Dowling, Secretary of Iowa Transit Association, Mr. LeRoy Rolfe, Council Bluffs, President of the Iowa Transit Association, Mr. J. R. Coupal, Jr., Highway Commission, Ames, Iowa, Mr. J. L. Hall, Wheeler Lumber Bridge Supply Company and Iowa Industrial Traffic League, Mr. Herman Batts, Director of Traffic and Transportation, City of Des Moines, Iowa.

The subcommittee heard testimony concerning mass transportation in our larger cities and also the future for transit in Iowa. Testimony was also brought out the need for a coordinating agency such as a Department of Transportation on a state level. It was also brought to our attention to explore the Code on existing laws pertaining to overall length of busses and restricted speed zones.

The subcommittee feels something must be done on water transportation, dock facilities. The people and the state must take action to provide for the growth of industry within our state. We must take such action that Iowa will never become a "thru" state, a "causeway" state in the flow of transportation and movement of products and merchandise. There is a future in the state of Iowa on water transportation, especially in the Missouri Valley. But there is a certain amount of work to be done.

It has been brought out that we are heading for the day when we are going to see air cargo in Iowa. Helicopter service from airports to interested points--and this is something that demands a lot of comprehensive study. How is this going to be handled--who is going to pay for it--the state? We are going to have to establish some sort of a rate system. We have carriers who have already said that they would certainly like to get in on the grandfather rights to establish air cargo service in the state of Iowa.

It has been suggested that there is a segment of population that must be provided transportation. The State of Iowa is not getting its fair share of federal money being allotted for

mass transit.

A recommendation was made that future legislation be established for a parking system for cities and coordinated with transit systems....cities have a definite problem in moving vehicles out of the city.

It is the feeling of the members of this subcommittee that there is a need for some type of legislation and it is the goal of this subcommittee to prepare something to present to the members during the second half of the 63rd General Assembly.

/s/ Harold A. Thordsen

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Chairman, Subcommittee