

**REPORT OF THE FISCAL COMMITTEE TO THE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**June 12, 1991**

The Fiscal Committee met on Wednesday, June 12, 1991, and took no official Committee action. The Committee did receive the following testimony from Donna Schildberg, representing the Brushy Creek Trails Advisory Council.

- The Brush Creek Trails Advisory Council was created by the 1989 Legislature to help direct the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) trail development at Brushy Creek Recreation Area. There are nine members of the Board, with six of those members appointed by the Legislative Council. Senator Jim Riordan is a member of the Board. Donna Schildberg contends the Board has not been allowed to participate in DNR decisions involving the area, and further contends that Mike Carrier, Administrator of the Parks and Preserves Division of the DNR, has created a "task force" to study and make recommendations concerning the Brushy Creek area. It is Ms. Schildberg's contention that the task force was established with the intention of excluding the Board from decisions involving the Brushy Creek area.
- The responsibility of the Board, as expressed in Section 455A.8(3) Code of Iowa is to..."advise the department and the natural resource commission regarding issues and recommendations relating to the development and maintenance of trails and related activities at or adjacent to the Brushy Creek recreation area."
- Ms. Schildberg distributed copies of a letter regarding this issue from members of the Trail Riders Club, Inc. (See Attachment I.)

The Committee received information regarding the following issues:

- Status of the livestock and crop reporting functions of the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.
- Reasons why the Department of Economic Development did not report to the General Assembly in a timely fashion concerning the status of the Worker Retraining Programs as directed by HF 550 (1989 Session).
- Discussion with Gretchen Tegeler, Acting Director of the Department of Management, concerning the May 31 meeting of the Revenue Estimating Conference.
- The Governor's item veto of the Title XIX co-payment language.
- Governor's item veto of the Salary Bill.
- Visitation requests were received from the Education, Administration and Human Services Visitation Committees.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Leonard Boswell  
Co-chairperson

Representative Tom Jochum  
Co-chairperson

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Dear Donna:

The following letter was sent to Wilson and Bransted today. Kirk Henely called me last night to give me the information to include. Thank you for providing the information for us and doing so much hard work for the horse people.

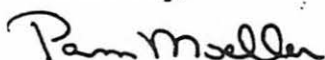
The Trail Riders Club, Inc., based out of Mason City, Iowa is quite concerned about the 125 unit limit imposed on the Brushy Creek campground. We have been coming down there, a two hour drive, for the past ten years as a group to celebrate the Memorial Day weekend. We camp and ride together several times during the year, often using areas with primitive facilities. Therefore, the overflow camping area at Brushy Creek was not a problem for us.

Most of us work a forty-hour week. We trailer down Friday night and return north on Monday. Since reservations are not allowed, the potential lack of available campsites points many of us north to Minnesota, where we are most welcome. We would rather keep our business in our home state. The Iowa economy would benefit from the horse people using Iowa campgrounds. It does not make any sense to force us out of state.

Another problem is the new rule about not tying horses to trailers. If only four horses can be tied to a hitching rail, how does a family with six horses manage? We have a number of young families who bring a horse for each rider.

You have a beautiful area in Brushy Creek. We would like to use it. Please consider opening the overflow camping area for the three-day weekends when so many of us like to come down since it is such a distance for us to drive. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Pam Moeller, Secretary

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