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May 15, 2003

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 304, A bill for an act relating to the payment by a county of the agricultural land tax credit and reimbursement to the county of its payment and providing an effective date.

House File 492, A bill for an act relating to soil conservation by providing for the acquisition of land by soil and water conservation districts, and eliminating certain reporting requirements.

House File 576, A bill for an act relating to the enterprise zone program and including effective date provisions.

House File 665, A bill for an act relating to property taxation of certain lands leased to others by the department of corrections or department of human services and providing for the Act's applicability.



House File 676, an Act establishing a veterans trust fund under the control of the Commission of Veterans Affairs and providing a contingent appropriation.

The above House Files are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Vilsack", written in a cursive style.

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

TJV:jmc

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House



HOUSE FILE 492

AN ACT

RELATING TO SOIL CONSERVATION BY PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND BY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, AND ELIMINATING CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 457A.1, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

457A.1 ACQUISITION BY OTHER THAN CONDEMNATION.

The department of natural resources, soil and water conservation districts as provided in chapter 161A, the historical division of the department of cultural affairs, the state archaeologist appointed by the state board of regents pursuant to section 263B.1, any county conservation board, and any city or agency of a city may acquire by purchase, gift, contract, or other voluntary means, but not by eminent domain, conservation easements in land to preserve scenic beauty, wildlife habitat, riparian lands, wetlands, or forests; promote outdoor recreation, agriculture, soil or water conservation, or open space; or otherwise conserve for the

benefit of the public the natural beauty, natural and cultural resources, and public recreation facilities of the state.

Sec. 2. Section 161A.11, Code 2003, is repealed.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS

Speaker of the House



MARY E. KRAMER

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 492, Eightieth General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 15, 2003



THOMAS J. VILSACK

Governor