

March 14, 1969

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

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Transportation 3-27 By POTGETER, CLARKE and COLEMAN
Pass & amended 4-10 (Edgington, Fischer of Grundy, Bailey, Priebe, Nielsen and Franklin)

Passed Senate, Date.....*5-2-69*..... Passed House, Date*5-19-69*
Vote: Ayes*42*... Nays*6*..... Vote: Ayes*88*... Nays*2*.....
Approved

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution providing for the appointment of a joint
2 bipartisan legislative committee to investigate the ac-
3 tions of the Iowa state highway commission in the estab-
4 lishment of diagonal highways in the state of Iowa, and
5 particularly interstate highway thirty-five in northern
6 Iowa.

7 WHEREAS, the most valuable asset of Iowa is its fertile
8 and productive farm land, much of which is grade "A" land
9 and which is a major factor in feeding the world; and

10 WHEREAS, much of this important asset is being taken for
11 highway purposes by the proposed establishment of interstate
12 highway thirty-five on a diagonal basis; and

13 WHEREAS, it originally appeared that the interstate high-
14 way was designed to follow the route of established federal
15 highway sixty-nine, but that the plans were changed, accord-
16 ing to the Iowa state highway commission, by a directive from
17 the United States bureau of public roads; but it now appears
18 that the diagonal is established by exclusive action of the
19 Iowa state highway commission; and

20 WHEREAS, it appears desirable and necessary that an inves-

1 tigation be made of the actions of the Iowa state highway com-
2 mission in the establishment and routing of interstate thirty-
3 five by a diagonal route instead of following federal highway
4 sixty-nine as originally planned; NOW THEREFORE,

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

6 Section 1. A joint bipartisan investigating committee of
7 six members is hereby created, three from the senate to be
8 appointed by the president of the senate, and three from the
9 house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker. Any
10 vacancy in the membership shall be filled by appointment from
11 the representative body to which the retiring member of the
12 committee belongs.

13 Sec. 2. Said committee shall have full power and authority
14 during the session of the Sixty-third General Assembly to con-
15 duct hearings and make comprehensive inquiry into the estab-
16 lishment of the route of interstate highway thirty-five. The
17 committee shall have full power and authority during the ses-
18 sion of the Sixty-third General Assembly to subpoena witnesses
19 if subpoenas are necessary; to administer oaths to witnesses
20 and to take their testimony; to employ counsel to represent
21 the committee and to permit such counsel to conduct the inves-
22 tigation as attorneys for the committee. The expenses of the
23 committee including a qualified person to report its proceed-
24 ings and payment of its counsel shall be paid out of the
25 general fund of the state of Iowa upon being certified by the
26 chairman of the committee and such amounts as may be necessary
27 for such purposes are hereby appropriated.

28 Sec. 3. The committee shall make a report to the Sixty-
29 third General Assembly within sixty days after organization
30 of the committee in order that the members of the general
31 assembly may have the benefit of such report, and so that
32 any recommendations of the committee can be implemented by
33 the general assembly. Upon making said report the committee
34 shall stand discharged.

35 Sec. 4. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance,

1 shall take effect and be in force from and after its publica-
 2 tion in, a newspaper published in
 3, Iowa, and in, a news-
 4 paper published in, Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

This resolution will create a joint bipartisan legislative committee to investigate, during this session, the establishment of diagonal highways in this state.

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

Date prepared March 13, 1969

Requested by Senator J. Potgeter.

Prepared in regard to a joint resolution providing for the appointment of a joint bipartisan legislative committee to investigate the actions of the Iowa state highway commission in the establishment of diagonal highways in the state of Iowa, and particularly interstate highway thirty-five in northern Iowa.

Following is the fiscal effect in dollars of the legislative proposal as required by Rule 47: Estimated cost \$3,500.00.*

*Source: Mr. Garrison, Legislative Research Bureau.

GERRY R. RANKIN
Legislative Fiscal Director

- 1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 25 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line seven (7), by striking the word "most".
- 3 2. Page 1, line ten (10), by striking the words "is being",
- 4 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "could be".
- 5 3. Page 1, line ten (10), by inserting after the word "for"
- 6 the words "interstate and primary".
- 7 4. Page 1, line eleven (11), by striking all after the word
- 8 "purposes", all of line twelve (12) and inserting in lieu thereof
- 9 the following: "; and".
- 10 5. Page 1 by striking all of lines thirteen (13) through
- 11 nineteen (19).
- 12 6. Page 2, line one (1), by striking the word "actions"
- 13 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "land use policies".
- 14 7. Page 2 by striking the word "thirty-" from line two (2),
- 15 all of line three (3) and all through the word "planned" in line
- 16 four (4) and inserting in lieu thereof the words "and primary high-
- 17 ways".
- 18 8. Page 2, line sixteen (16), by striking the words "of the
- 19 route of interstate highway thirty-five" and inserting in lieu thereof
- 20 the words "of the policies relative to land use".
- 21 9. Page 2, line eighteen (18), by inserting after the word
- 22 "witnesses" the words "or Iowa state highway commission records,".
- 23 10. Page 2, line twenty-eight (28), by striking the words
- 24 "the Sixty-", all of line twenty-nine (29) and all of line thirty
- 25 (30) through the word "committee" and inserting in lieu thereof the
- words "the General Assembly, not later than January 30, 1970,".

Filed
April 8, 1969

By KEITH, CLARKE, COLEMAN,
OLLENBURG and FREY

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- 1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 25 as follows:
- 2 1. Amend page 1 by striking lines 5 and 6 and
- 3 inserting in lieu thereof the words "providing for the
- 4 expenses thereof."

Filed - *Withdrawn 5-2*

April 10, 1969

KEITH, CLARKE, COLEMAN,
OLLENBURG and FREY

- 1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 25 by striking all
- 2 after the first "whereas," and by inserting in lieu
- 3 thereof the following:
- 4 "questions having arisen concerning the land use
- 5 policies of the Iowa state highway commission; and
- 6 Whereas the make up and organization of the high-
- 7 way commission should be studied; and
- 8 Whereas the functioning of the highway commission
- 9 and the employment policies thereof should be investi-
- 10 gated;
- 11 NOW THEREFORE,
- 12 Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of
- 13 Iowa:
- 14 The legislative research committee or its successor
- 15 is directed to create a study committee as provided by
- 16 law, which committee shall include members of the approp-
- 17 riate standing committees of the House of Representatives
- 18 and Senate, to conduct during the 1969-1970 legislative
- 19 interim a comprehensive study of the Iowa highway commission
- 20 relating to its general operation, employment policies, and
- 21 land use policies.
- 22 Staff assistance shall be provided by the legislative
- 23 research bureau.
- 24 A report of the study shall be prepared and sub-
- 25 mitted to members of the Sixty-third General Assembly
- 26 and shall be accompanied by any legislative bill drafts
- 27 designed to carry out the recommendations of the
- 28 committee.

Filed - *Adopted 5-2*

April 15, 1969

By NEU and CLARKE

- 1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 25 as follows:
- 2 By striking from page 1 all of lines 1 through 6
- 3 and inserting in lieu thereof the words: "Senate Joint
- 4 Resolution relating to a study of the state highway
- 5 commission."

Filed - *Withdrawn 5-2*
April 17, 1969

By NEU and CLARKE

- 1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 25 as follows:
- 2 1. By striking from page 1, line 1, the words
- 3 "the appointment of a joint".
- 4 2. By striking from page 1, lines 2 through 6,
- 5 inclusive, and inserting in lieu thereof the words
- 6 "a study of the state highway commission."

Filed
April 18, 1969

By NEU and CLARKE

May 5, 1969

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

By POTGETTER, CLARKE and COLEMAN
(Edgington, Fischer of Grundy,
Bailey, Priebe, Nielsen and
Franklin)
(AS PASSED BY THE SENATE)

Passed Senate, Date.....5-2-69..... Passed House, Date

Vote: Ayes42.. Nays6..... Vote: Ayes Nays

Approved

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- 1 A Joint Resolution providing for a *study of the state highway*
2 *commission.*
- 3 *WHEREAS questions have arisen concerning the land*
4 *use policies of the Iowa state highway commission; and*
5 *WHEREAS, the makeup and organization of the highway*
6 *commission should be studied; and*
- 7 *WHEREAS, the functioning of the highway commission*
8 *and the employment policies thereof should be investigated; NOW*
9 *THEREFORE,*
- 10 *Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*
- 11 *Section 1. The legislative research committee or its*
12 *successor is directed to create a study committee as provided by*
13 *law, which committee shall include members of the appropriate*
14 *standing committees of the House of Representatives and Senate,*
15 *to conduct during the 1969-1970 legislative interim a comprehensive*
16 *study of the Iowa highway commission relating to its general*
17 *operation, employment policies, and land use policies.*
- 18 *Sec. 2. Staff assistance shall be provided by the legislative*
19 *research bureau.*
- 20 *Sec. 3. A report of the study shall be prepared and*
21 *submitted to members of the Sixty-third General Assembly and*
22 *shall be accompanied by any legislative bill drafts designed to*
23 *carry out the recommendations of the committee.*