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HOUSE FILE 2443

BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

(Formerly House Study Bill 585)

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Vote: Ayes 73 Nays 23 Vote: Ayes 39 Nays 5

Approved May 15, 1986

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A BILL FOR

54531 An Act to establish the Iowa conservation corps and making an
2 appropriation.

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

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SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE FILE 2443

H-5812

1 Amend House File 2443 as passed by the House as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 4, line 22, by striking the words
4 "subsequently adopt rules" and inserting the words
5 "adopt rules under chapter 17A".

6 2. Page 5, by inserting after line 4 the
7 following:

8 "Sec. 10. If one million (1,000,000) dollars are
9 appropriated to the Iowa conservation corps account
10 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1986 pursuant to
11 enactment of section 7, paragraph "b", and section 9
12 of House File 2412, as amended, passed, and reprinted
13 by the House, then the appropriations made pursuant to
14 sections 8 and 9 of this Act shall apply only to the
15 fiscal years beginning on July 1, 1987, July 1, 1988,
16 and July 1, 1989."

17 3. By renumbering, relettering, or redesignating
18 and correcting internal references as necessary.

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House concurred 4/16 (p. 1503)

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1 Section 1. Section 7A.2, Code 1985, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 9. "Corps" means the Iowa conservation
4 corps.

5 NEW SUBSECTION. 10. "Account" means the Iowa conservation
6 corps account.

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 11. "Regulating authority" means the
8 office for planning and programming or its successor agency or
9 department.

10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 7A.14. IOWA CONSERVATION CORPS
11 ESTABLISHED.

12 1. The Iowa conservation corps is established in this
13 state. The objectives of the corps are to provide meaningful
14 and productive public service jobs for the young, the
15 unemployed, the handicapped, and the elderly. The corps shall
16 provide opportunities in the areas of park maintenance and
17 restoration, soil conservation, wildlife and land management,
18 energy savings, community improvement projects, tourism,
19 economic development, and work benefiting human service
20 programs. The general assembly intends that participation in
21 the corps will provide the participants with an opportunity to
22 explore careers, gain work experience, and contribute to the
23 general welfare of their communities and state. The corps
24 shall provide the following programs:

5463 25 a. A full-time public service employment and training
26 program for young adults with a program emphasis on resource
27 and wildlife conservation, public recreation, or related areas
28 to be known as the "young adult program".

29 b. A public service employment program for disadvantaged
30 and handicapped youth attending school to be known as the "in-
31 school program".

32 c. A summer employment program for youth of all economic
33 classifications to be known as the "summer youth program".

34 d. A youth volunteer program to be known as the "volunteer
35 program".

1 e. A program to encourage and promote meaningful and
2 respectable employment of the elderly in conservation and
3 outdoor recreation related fields to be known as the "green
4 thumb program".

5 2. The office for planning and programming or its
6 successor agency or department shall give priority to
7 enrolling participants in the corps programs from areas of the
8 state which will likely receive the greatest benefit from the
9 employment and training activities of the corps. Work
10 activities of the corps shall not replace existing maintenance
11 or other full-time employment provided by a participating
12 agency or private organization.

13 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 7A.15 ADMINISTRATION.

14 The office for planning and programming or its successor
15 agency or department shall administer the corps and shall
16 adopt rules governing its operation and eligibility for
17 participation. The regulating authority shall cooperate with
18 the conservation commission, the commission on aging, and the
19 governor's committee on employment of the handicapped, or
20 their successor agencies in delivering corps programs. The
21 programs of the corps shall be open to both sexes. A person
22 must be at least fourteen years of age at the time of
23 enrollment to receive wages or stipends through the corps.
24 Corps projects shall be funded by appropriations to the Iowa
25 conservation corps account and cash, services, and material
26 contributions made by other state agencies or local public and
27 private agencies. The regulating authority shall submit an
28 annual report on the activities of the corps to the general
29 assembly by January 15 of each year.

30 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 7A.16 PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY.

31 1. To be eligible for participation in a corps program a
32 person shall be a resident of this state. In addition, each
33 corps program shall have its own eligibility requirements as
34 follows:

35 a. A person participating in the "young adult program"

1 shall be between the ages of nineteen and twenty-four at the
2 time of entry into the program, possess work skills at or
3 above a minimum level prescribed by the regulating authority,
4 and be an unemployed resident of a county which is classified
5 as economically distressed in accordance with standards
6 adopted by the regulating authority.

7 b. A person participating in the "in-school program", the
8 "summer youth program", or the "volunteer program" shall be
9 enrolled in a secondary school or have been graduated from one
10 no more than sixty days prior to entry into a corps program.

11 c. A person participating in the "green thumb program"
12 shall be sixty years of age or older to be eligible for
13 employment. A lower income person shall be preferred for
14 employment. "Lower income" means a person who meets the
15 requirements for "lower income families" described in section
16 8, subsection "f", of the United States Housing Act of 1937,
17 as amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of
18 1974 (Public Law 93-383), section 201, subsection "a".

19 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapters 19A, 96 and
20 97B, persons employed through any of the corps programs shall
21 be exempt from merit system requirements, shall not be
22 eligible for membership in the Iowa public employees
23 retirement system, and shall not be eligible to receive
24 unemployment compensation benefits.

25 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 7A.17 EMPHASIS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

26 The regulating authority shall require participating state
27 agencies and other public and private entities which would
28 benefit from a corps project under consideration to contribute
29 at least thirty-five percent of the total project budget. The
30 contribution may be in the form of cash, materials, or
31 services. Materials and services shall be intended for the
32 project and acceptable to the regulating authority. Minimum
33 cash contributions shall be:

545 34 1. Not less than twenty-five percent of the total project
35 budget for the "young adult program". Cash contributions may

1 be used to provide participation incentives described in
2 section 7A.19.

3 2. Not less than fifteen percent of the total project
4 budget for the "in-school", "summer youth", "volunteer", and
5 "green thumb" programs.

6 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 7A.18 ACCOUNT CREATED.

7 The Iowa conservation corps account is established within
8 the office of the state treasurer to be administered by the
9 director of the regulating authority. The account shall
10 include all appropriations made to the programs administered
11 by the corps, and may also include moneys contributed by a
12 private individual or organization, or a public entity for the
13 purpose of implementing corps programs and projects.

5453 14 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 7A.19 INCENTIVES FOR THE YOUNG
15 ADULT PROGRAM.

16 The regulating authority shall cooperate with colleges and
17 universities and lending institutions throughout the state on
18 the development of a system of academic credit, tuition grant,
19 and deferred loan repayment incentives for young adults to
20 enroll and complete one year's participation in the "young
21 adult program" of the corps. The regulating authority shall
5-5453 22 subsequently adopt rules designed to implement any such
23 incentive programs agreed upon.

24 Sec. 8. Iowa Acts 1985, chapter 33, section 302,
25 subsection 1, paragraph b, is amended to read as follows:

26 b. In each of the four fiscal years after the allotment in
27 paragraph "a", ten million dollars to the community economic
28 betterment account, ~~eight~~ nine million five hundred thousand
29 dollars to the jobs now account, and twelve million five
30 hundred thousand dollars to the education and agriculture
31 research and development account.

32 Sec. 9. Iowa Acts 1985, chapter 33, section 302,
33 subsection 3, is amended by adding the following new lettered
34 paragraph:

35 NEW LETTERED PARAGRAPH. e. To the office for planning and

1 programming or its successor agency or department, one million
2 dollars for purposes of administration of the "young adult
3 program" of the Iowa conservation corps, established in
4 section 7A.14.

5 Sec. 10. Sections 7A.11, 7A.12, and 7A.13, Code 1985, are
6 repealed.

7 Sec. 11. Chapter 601H, Code 1985, is repealed.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill replaces the Iowa youth corps with the Iowa
10 conservation corps. Programs currently administered under the
11 auspices of the youth corps are retained, and a full-time
12 young adult employment and training program is added.

13 Administration of the conservation corps is provided by the
14 office for planning and program or its successor.

15 Sections are included which address eligibility for corps
16 programs, creation of a conservation corps account within the
17 state treasury, and development of a system of academic and
18 financial incentives for enrollment in the young adult
19 program.

20 Sections eight and nine amend Iowa Acts 1985 to provide for
21 an appropriation of one million dollars from lottery revenues
22 which will be used to administer the new young adult program.

23 The bill repeals current Code sections 7A.11 through 7A.13,
24 and chapter 601H.

HOUSE FILE 2443

H-5453

- 1 Amend House File 2443 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 25 through 28.
- 3 2. By striking page 2, line 35 through page 3,
- 4 line 6.
- 5 3. By striking page 3, line 33 through page 4,
- 6 line 5 and inserting the following: "cash
- 7 contributions shall be not less than fifteen percent
- 8 of the total project budget."
- 9 4. By striking page 4, line 14 through page 5,
- 10 line 4.
- 11 5. By renumbering and redesignating as necessary.
- 12 6. Title page, lines 1 and 2, by striking the
- 13 words "and making an appropriation".

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Law 3/17 (p. 901)

BY PAULIN of Plymouth
LSB 8327H 71

HOUSE FILE 2443

S-5483

- 1 Amend House File 2443 as passed by the House as
- 2 follows:
- 3 1. Page 4, line 22, by striking the words
- 4 "subsequently adopt rules" and inserting the words
- 5 "adopt rules under chapter 17A".

S-5483 Filed March 27, 1986 BY COMM. ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
Adopted 4/7 (p. 1134) HALL, CHAIR

HOUSE FILE 2443

S-5638

- 1 Amend House File 2443 as passed by the House as
- 2 follows:
- 3 1. Page 5, by inserting after line 4 the
- 4 following:
- 5 "Sec. 10. If one million (1,000,000) dollars are
- 6 appropriated to the Iowa conservation corps account
- 7 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1986 pursuant to
- 8 enactment of section 7, paragraph "b", and section 9
- 9 of House File 2412, as amended, passed, and reprinted
- 10 by the House, then the appropriations made pursuant to
- 11 sections 8 and 9 of this Act shall apply only to the
- 12 fiscal years beginning on July 1, 1987, July 1, 1988,
- 13 and July 1, 1989."
- 14 2. By renumbering as necessary.

S-5638 Filed April 8, 1986
BY HANNON

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NSB 585
NATURAL RESOURCES AND
OUTDOOR RECREATION

SENATE/HOUSE FILE 2443
BY (PROPOSED RECREATION-
TOURISM-LEISURE STUDY
COMMITTEE BILL)

Study Bill 585

Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation: Black, Chair; Diemer and Johnson.

Passed Senate, Date _____ Passed House, Date _____
Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to establish the Iowa conservation corps and making an
2 appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 107.3 DEFINITIONS.

2 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise re-
3 quires:

4 1. "Commission" means the state conservation commission.

5 2. "Director" means the state conservation director.

6 3. "College age young adults" means persons who are
7 residents of this state, or are attending or have graduated
8 from a college or university in this state, and are between
9 the ages of eighteen and twenty-four years.

10 4. "Corps" means the Iowa conservation corps.

11 5. "Account" means the Iowa conservation corps account.

12 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 107.41 CORPS ESTABLISHED --

13 PURPOSE.

14 The Iowa conservation corps is established. The objectives
15 of the corps are to provide full time employment in state
16 parks and related facilities under the commission's
17 jurisdiction for college age young adults, and to otherwise
18 develop and administer programs which provide the young, the
19 disadvantaged, the handicapped, and the elderly with various
20 opportunities to engage in compensated and volunteer public
21 service activities. The corps is comprised of the following
22 programs:

23 1. A full-time public service employment program for
24 college age young adults seeking careers in the areas covered
25 by this chapter.

26 2. A part-time public service employment program for
27 disadvantaged and handicapped youth attending secondary
28 schools.

29 3. A summer employment program for youth of all economic
30 classifications.

31 4. A youth volunteer program.

32 5. The "green thumb" program provided for in chapter 601H.

33 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 107.42 ADMINISTRATION.

34 The commission shall administer the Iowa conservation corps
35 and shall adopt rules governing its operation and eligibility

1 for participation. The programs of the corps shall be open to
2 both sexes. A person must be at least fourteen and less than
3 twenty-four years of age at the time of enrollment to receive
4 wages or stipends through the corps. The commission shall
5 submit an annual report to the general assembly on the corps
6 by January 15 of each year.

7 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 107.43 EMPHASIS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

8 The corps shall give emphasis in its employment and
9 volunteer programs to projects related to park maintenance and
10 restoration, soil conservation, land management, energy
11 savings, and community improvement. The commission shall
12 require participating private or public entities which would
13 benefit from a corps project under consideration to contribute
14 at least twenty-five percent of the total project budget. The
15 contribution may be in the form of cash or services acceptable
16 to the commission.

17 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 107.44 ACCOUNT CREATED -- APPRO-
18 PRIATION.

19 The Iowa conservation corps account is established within
20 the office of the state treasurer to be administered by the
21 director subject to review by the commission. The account
22 shall be originally funded by an appropriation of one million
23 five hundred thousand (1,500,000) dollars from the general
24 fund of the state for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1986.
25 The account may also include moneys contributed by a private
26 individual or organization, or a public entity for the purpose
27 of implementing corps programs.

28 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 107.45 PARTICIPATION INCENTIVES.

29 The commission shall adopt rules whereby college age young
30 adults who enroll in the full-time public service employment
31 program of the corps will be encouraged by a system of
32 academic credit and tuition grant incentives to start or
33 continue their college education at a college or university in
34 this state.

35 The commission shall also adopt rules whereby graduates of

1 Iowa colleges and universities who are enrolled in the full-
2 time public service employment program of the corps will be
3 granted temporary deferrals of the repayment of student loans,
4 or similar loan repayment incentives to participate in the
5 corps program.

6 Sec. 7. Section 601H.2, Code 1985, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 601H.2 FUND.

9 ~~There is created a~~ The "green thumb" fund to be
10 administered program shall be funded by the state Iowa
11 ~~conservation commission which shall consist of those moneys~~
12 ~~appropriated by the general assembly, received from the~~
13 ~~federal government, or donated by a private individual or~~
14 ~~organization for the purpose of implementing the "green thumb"~~
15 program corps account established in section 107.44. The
16 state conservation commission may allocate money from the
17 ~~"green thumb" fund~~ Iowa conservation corps account to county
18 conservation boards in amounts an amount to each board not
19 exceeding three times the amount expended by the county
20 conservation board to implement its "green thumb" program.

21 Sec. 8. Sections 7A.11, 7A.12, and 7A.13, Code 1985, are
22 repealed.

23 Sec. 9. Notwithstanding section 3 of this Act, enrollment
24 in the full-time public service employment program of the
25 corps shall be initially limited to fifty persons.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill creates the Iowa conservation corps within the
28 state conservation commission. Consolidated within the corps
29 are programs now administered under the auspices of the Iowa
30 youth corps in the office for planning and programming. Also,
31 the green thumb program established in chapter 601H is placed
32 within the conservation corps.

33 The bill creates an Iowa conservation corps account within
34 the state treasurer's office to be administered by the
35 conservation director subject to review by the conservation

1 commission. The account would be established through an
2 appropriation of \$1,500,000 from the general fund for the
3 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1986. Projects and programs
4 implemented through the corps would be funded on a sharing
5 basis whereby the corps would pay 75 percent of the costs and
6 the public or private entity that would benefit from the
7 project would pay the other 25 percent, either in cash or in-
8 kind services acceptable to the commission.

9 A section is included which states the general assembly's
10 intention that academic and financial incentives be provided
11 to encourage the participation of young adults in the full-
12 time public service employment program of the corps.

13 The sections of chapter 7A which deal with the Iowa youth
14 corps are repealed by the bill.

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HOUSE FILE 2443

AN ACT

TO ESTABLISH THE IOWA CONSERVATION CORPS AND MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 7A.2, Code 1985, is amended by adding
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NEW SUBSECTION. 9. "Corps" means the Iowa conservation
corps.

NEW SUBSECTION. 10. "Account" means the Iowa conservation
corps account.

NEW SUBSECTION. 11. "Regulating authority" means the
office for planning and programming or its successor agency or
department.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 7A.14 IOWA CONSERVATION CORPS
ESTABLISHED.

1. The Iowa conservation corps is established in this
state. The objectives of the corps are to provide meaningful
and productive public service jobs for the young, the
unemployed, the handicapped, and the elderly. The corps shall
provide opportunities in the areas of park maintenance and
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the corps will provide the participants with an opportunity to
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general welfare of their communities and state. The corps
shall provide the following programs:

a. A full-time public service employment and training
program for young adults with a program emphasis on resource
and wildlife conservation, public recreation, or related areas
to be known as the "young adult program".

b. A public service employment program for disadvantaged
and handicapped youth attending school to be known as the "in-
school program".

c. A summer employment program for youth of all economic
classifications to be known as the "summer youth program".

d. A youth volunteer program to be known as the "volunteer
program".

e. A program to encourage and promote meaningful and
respectable employment of the elderly in conservation and
outdoor recreation related fields to be known as the "green
thumb program".

2. The office for planning and programming or its
successor agency or department shall give priority to
enrolling participants in the corps programs from areas of the
state which will likely receive the greatest benefit from the
employment and training activities of the corps. Work
activities of the corps shall not replace existing maintenance
or other full-time employment provided by a participating
agency or private organization.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 7A.15 ADMINISTRATION.

The office for planning and programming or its successor agency or department shall administer the corps and shall adopt rules governing its operation and eligibility for participation. The regulating authority shall cooperate with the conservation commission, the commission on aging, and the governor's committee on employment of the handicapped, or their successor agencies in delivering corps programs. The programs of the corps shall be open to both sexes. A person must be at least fourteen years of age at the time of enrollment to receive wages or stipends through the corps. Corps projects shall be funded by appropriations to the Iowa conservation corps account and cash, services, and material contributions made by other state agencies or local public and private agencies. The regulating authority shall submit an annual report on the activities of the corps to the general assembly by January 15 of each year.

Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 7A.16 PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY.

1. To be eligible for participation in a corps program a person shall be a resident of this state. In addition, each corps program shall have its own eligibility requirements as follows:

a. A person participating in the "young adult program" shall be between the ages of nineteen and twenty-four at the time of entry into the program, possess work skills at or above a minimum level prescribed by the regulating authority, and be an unemployed resident of a county which is classified as economically distressed in accordance with standards adopted by the regulating authority.

b. A person participating in the "in-school program", the "summer youth program", or the "volunteer program" shall be enrolled in a secondary school or have been graduated from one no more than sixty days prior to entry into a corps program.

c. A person participating in the "green thumb program" shall be sixty years of age or older to be eligible for

employment. A lower income person shall be preferred for employment. "Lower income" means a person who meets the requirements for "lower income families" described in section 8, subsection "f", of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383), section 201, subsection "a".

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapters 19A, 96 and 97B, persons employed through any of the corps programs shall be exempt from merit system requirements, shall not be eligible for membership in the Iowa public employees' retirement system, and shall not be eligible to receive unemployment compensation benefits.

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 7A.17 EMPHASIS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

The regulating authority shall require participating state agencies and other public and private entities which would benefit from a corps project under consideration to contribute at least thirty-five percent of the total project budget. The contribution may be in the form of cash, materials, or services. Materials and services shall be intended for the project and acceptable to the regulating authority. Minimum cash contributions shall be:

1. Not less than twenty-five percent of the total project budget for the "young adult program". Cash contributions may be used to provide participation incentives described in section 7A.19.

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Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 7A.18 ACCOUNT CREATED.

The Iowa conservation corps account is established within the office of the state treasurer to be administered by the director of the regulating authority. The account shall include all appropriations made to the programs administered by the corps, and may also include moneys contributed by a private individual or organization, or a public entity for the purpose of implementing corps programs and projects.

Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 7A.19 INCENTIVES FOR THE YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM.

The regulating authority shall cooperate with colleges and universities and lending institutions throughout the state on the development of a system of academic credit, tuition grant, and deferred loan repayment incentives for young adults to enroll and complete one year's participation in the "young adult program" of the corps. The regulating authority shall adopt rules under chapter 17A designed to implement any such incentive programs agreed upon.

Sec. 8. Iowa Acts 1985, chapter 33, section 302, subsection 1, paragraph b, is amended to read as follows:

b. In each of the four fiscal years after the allotment in paragraph "a", ten million dollars to the community economic betterment account, ~~eight~~ nine million five hundred thousand dollars to the jobs now account, and twelve million five hundred thousand dollars to the education and agriculture research and development account.

Sec. 9. Iowa Acts 1985, chapter 33, section 302, subsection 3, is amended by adding the following new lettered paragraph:

NEW LETTERED PARAGRAPH. e. To the office for planning and programming or its successor agency or department, one million dollars for purposes of administration of the "young adult program" of the Iowa conservation corps, established in section 7A.14.

Sec. 10. If one million (1,000,000) dollars are appropriated to the Iowa conservation corps account for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1986 pursuant to enactment of section 7, paragraph "b", and section 9 of House File 2412, as amended, passed, and reprinted by the House, then the appropriations made pursuant to sections 8 and 9 of this Act shall apply only to the fiscal years beginning on July 1, 1987, July 1, 1988, and July 1, 1989.

Sec. 11. Sections 7A.11, 7A.12, and 7A.13, Code 1985, are repealed.

Sec. 12. Chapter 601H, Code 1985, is repealed.

DONALD D. AVENSON
Speaker of the House

ROBERT T. ANDERSON
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2443, Seventy-first General Assembly.

JOSEPH O'HERN
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved *May 15*, 1986

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor