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(COMPANION TO LSB 1625HH

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Passed Senate, Date _____ Passed House, Date _____

Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to televising proceedings of the Iowa general
2 assembly and providing funding.

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

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STATE GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. Section 2.12, Code 1999, is amended by adding
2 the following new unnumbered paragraph:

3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. There is appropriated out of any
4 funds in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, such
5 sums as are necessary to provide for televising the
6 proceedings of the general assembly during the time that the
7 general assembly is in session, including any extraordinary
8 session. The legislative council shall enter into any
9 necessary agreement to implement this paragraph. Such
10 agreement may be with a person engaged in providing either
11 public or private telecasts. The director of revenue and
12 finance shall issue warrants for such items of expense upon
13 requisition of the chairperson and vice chairperson of the
14 legislative council after the affirmative vote of a majority
15 of the members of the council to implement this paragraph.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill appropriates funds from any unexpended balance in
18 the state treasury for the purpose of televising the
19 proceedings of the general assembly during the time that the
20 general assembly is in session. The legislative council is
21 directed to enter into any necessary agreement to provide for
22 such telecast.

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**SENATE FILE 120
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for **Senate File 120** is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Senate File 120 amends Chapter 2.12 of the Code of Iowa to allow an appropriation of funds from any unexpended balance in the State treasury for the purpose of televising the proceedings of the General Assembly.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. The equipment used would provide broadcast quality and be digitally upgradeable. There would be three cameras located in each Chamber. The cost for equipment would be a one-time expense of approximately \$800,000.
2. Telecasts of the General Assembly would be broadcast quality and adaptable to a digital format.
3. Televising both chambers would require a crew of eight camera personnel, one engineer, and one producer. Salary and benefits costs are estimated to be approximately \$400,000 in FY 2000 and approximately \$432,000 in FY 2001.
4. Support costs including video tapes and other equipment are estimated to be approximately \$60,000 in FY 2000 and approximately \$30,000 in FY 2001.
5. Telecasts would be available for both Chambers simultaneously and would provide for the ability to cover committee meetings.
6. A small room in the Capitol would need to be provided to allow for storage of the television equipment.
7. The electrical power supplied to the Capitol would be adequate to support the equipment needed to televise the General Assembly.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY 2000 estimated fiscal impact of Senate File 120 to the General Fund would be approximately \$1.3 million of which \$800,000 would be one-time funding. The fiscal impact in FY 2001, and each year thereafter, would be approximately \$462,000.

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