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HOUSE FILE **525**
BY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 225)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating an environmental oversight committee.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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H-1080

1 Amend House File 525 as follows:
2 1. Page 1, line 21, by inserting after the word
3 "appointed." the following: "When the majority and
4 minority parties in a house change, the house's
5 members serving on the committee shall cease to be
6 members of the committee and the appointing
7 authorities for the new majority and minority parties
8 shall appoint successors."

By HOGG of Linn
GREINER of Washington

H-1080 FILED MARCH 18, 2003

Adopted 3/19/03

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 457.1 ENVIRONMENTAL OVERSIGHT
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10 house of representatives.

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12 the house of representatives.

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14 adjournment of a regular session of the general assembly
15 convened in an odd-numbered year. The term of office shall be
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18 A vacancy on the committee shall be filled by the original
19 appointing authority for the remainder of the term. A vacancy
20 shall exist whenever a committee member ceases to be a member
21 of the house from which the member was appointed.

22 3. The committee shall choose a chairperson from its
23 membership and prescribe its rules of procedure. The
24 committee may employ a secretary or may appoint the director
25 of the legislative service bureau or a designee to act as
26 secretary.

27 4. a. At least sixty days prior to finalizing a proposed
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29 state agency shall notify the committee regarding the proposed
30 agreement. Proposed agreements that include, at least in
31 part, the transfer of moneys to the state shall not be
32 included under the notification requirements of this
33 paragraph.

34 b. Notification required under this subsection shall be
35 made in writing to the secretary of the senate and the chief

1 clerk of the house of representatives. Notification shall
2 include the general nature of the agreement and the name of a
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18 specific suggested changes to the proposed agreement. This
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BILL BY CHAIRPERSON GREINER)

*Greiner chair
A. Olson
Shultz*

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

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