

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 4 - Introduced

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

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1 A Concurrent Resolution directing the Office of  
2 Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman to perform mediation  
3 services, under the direction of the Legislative  
4 Council, to resolve a dispute between the board of  
5 trustees of a drainage district and residents of  
6 land in the district.

7 WHEREAS, on December 15, 2010, the Levee and  
8 Drainage District Law Study Committee, as appointed by  
9 the Legislative Council, met to consider a number of  
10 issues affecting districts organized under chapter 468  
11 of the Iowa Code; and

12 WHEREAS, the committee considered testimony and  
13 evidence presented by persons involved in a dispute  
14 concerning Muscatine-Louisa Drainage District 13; and

15 WHEREAS, the dispute involves the dredging of a  
16 drainage ditch ordered by the Muscatine-Louisa Drainage  
17 District 13 Board of Trustees and its decision to  
18 dispose of the resulting spoil on the residential  
19 property of district landowners who are not engaged in  
20 farming; and

21 WHEREAS, the Levee and Drainage District Law  
22 Study Committee recommended that the General Assembly  
23 consider legislation authorizing the Office of  
24 Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman to provide mediation services  
25 to assist in settling the dispute; NOW THEREFORE,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF  
27 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Office of  
28 Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman offer mediation services,

1 under the supervision of the Legislative Council, to  
2 the parties involved in this dispute; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the parties to this  
4 dispute are encouraged to cooperate with the Office  
5 of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman in order to find common  
6 ground and achieve a lasting solution, that satisfies  
7 all parties; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Office of Citizens'  
9 Aide/Ombudsman provide a report to the Legislative  
10 Council regarding the resolution of this issue by  
11 December 1, 2011; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
13 resolution be sent by mail or electronic means to Ms.  
14 Ruth H. Cooperrider, Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman; to the  
15 Board of Trustees of Muscatine-Louisa Drainage District  
16 13; and to the following residents of Muscatine County:  
17 Mr. Russell Alderin, Mr. Todd Reinsager, and Mr. Bill  
18 Haag.