

# JOINT RESOLUTION

## CHAPTER 4

### INTERIM FLOOD CONTROL COMMITTEE

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A JOINT RESOLUTION creating a special committee to study the problems of flood control, drainage, erosion, use and depletion of underground water, pollution of rivers and underground water, and to recommend the state policy and program of legislation relating thereto, and defining the powers and duties of said committee, and fixing and providing for an appropriation therefor.

WHEREAS, the floods and resulting devastation of homes, farms, industries and places of business of recent years have created an emergency requiring early legislative enactment of a permanent flood control program in the State of Iowa, but such permanent program cannot be established and enacted into law without full and thorough study by competent authorities, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Congress has established a comprehensive program designed to check and control floods and soil erosion in the entire Mississippi and Missouri River basins, but the State of Iowa has established no plan or program, nor created any agency to aid or advise with the Federal Government in the prosecution of this work to the end that the greatest good and benefit may be assured therefrom, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a sound policy in this state relating to use, control, navigation, transportation and pollution of public waters, including the use, pollution and depletion of underground waters, and by a careful study of the drainage laws, and the adoption of a long-range program of works and improvements, and correlation of this program with that of the Federal Government, so that the annual loss of life and property by floods and improper uses may be reduced, the erosion control program may be enhanced, and the natural resources of the State conserved.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1 SECTION 1. That a committee of twelve members, to be known as  
2 the "Interim Flood Control Committee", be and is hereby established.  
3 Said committee shall consist of three members of the Senate to be  
4 appointed by the President thereof; three members of the House of  
5 Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker, and six citizens,  
6 three of whom shall be registered engineers, to be designated by the  
7 Governor. Not more than two out of the three selectees to be desig-  
8 nated by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate  
9 shall be from the same political party. Any vacancy in the member-  
10 ship shall be filled by the official who made the original appointment.  
11 The committee shall select its own chairman and such other officers  
12 as it shall deem necessary.

1 SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of said committee to study and ascer-  
2 tain the needs of the State of Iowa for laws, creating policies and

3 programs relating to the use and control of the streams and under-  
 4 ground waters of the State, erosion, floods, drainage, as well as the  
 5 conservation of waters and water courses and related subjects, and  
 6 to prepare and submit a printed report, together with recommenda-  
 7 tions to the next General Assembly, accompanied with drafts of rec-  
 8 ommended legislation. Such report shall be filed by December 15,  
 9 1948, in the office of the Governor, and thereupon the Committee shall  
 10 be discharged.

1 SEC. 3. The Committee shall particularly study the flood control,  
 2 and water use laws of other states. The facilities, advice and serv-  
 3 ices of the State Geological Department, the College of Engineering  
 4 of the State schools, the Highway Department, the Conservation Com-  
 5 mission, the Public Health Department, the Extension Division, and  
 6 any agency of the State having an interest in, or information about  
 7 such subjects, shall be made available to the Committee. Said Com-  
 8 mittee is authorized to hold hearings within the State, fix the time  
 9 and place thereof, and subpoena witnesses thereto with the same  
 10 power and effect as a standing committee of the Legislature. It is  
 11 authorized to employ clerical help, and to fix the compensation thereof.  
 12 The services of the Attorney General shall be available to the Com-  
 13 mittee. It shall have the power to establish its own rules governing  
 14 its own conduct and meetings.

1 SEC. 4. The members of the Committee designated by the Governor  
 2 shall receive the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per diem for each day  
 3 of actual attendance upon meetings of said Committee, and all mem-  
 4 bers thereof shall receive their actual expenses of subsistence and  
 5 travel while away from home upon the attendance of the duties of said  
 6 Committee. The members of said committee who are members of  
 7 the Legislature shall receive for their services such sum as may be  
 8 authorized at the next session of the Legislature.

1 SEC. 5. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of said Com-  
 2 mittee, including compensation and expenses of its members, also in-  
 3 cluding the cost of printing the report of the Committee, there is here-  
 4 by appropriated out of the general fund not otherwise appropriated,  
 5 the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), or so much thereof  
 6 as may be necessary. The Chairman of the Committee is authorized  
 7 to draw vouchers upon the State Comptroller for the expenditures  
 8 herein provided for, and the Comptroller is authorized to draw war-  
 9 rants for the same upon the State Treasurer.

1 SEC. 6. This Resolution being deemed of immediate importance,  
 2 shall become effective from and after its publication in Marshalltown  
 3 Times-Republican, a newspaper published at Marshalltown, Iowa,  
 4 and in the Ottumwa Daily Courier, a newspaper published at Ot-  
 5 tumwa, Iowa.

Approved December 19, 1947.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Marshalltown Times-  
 Republican, December 20, 1947, and the Ottumwa Daily Courier, December 23, 1947.

ROLLO H. BERGESON, *Secretary of State*