

CHAPTER 426

HIGHWAY STUDY COMMITTEE

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A JOINT RESOLUTION to create a special committee to make a fiscal, administrative and engineering survey of Iowa's highways, roads and streets, and to make an appropriation therefor.

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

1 SECTION 1. An eleven (11) member study committee is created
2 to make a comprehensive fiscal, administrative and engineering sur-
3 vey of Iowa's highways, roads and streets. This committee shall be
4 composed of three (3) members of the senate to be appointed by the
5 president of the senate, three (3) members of the house to be ap-
6 pointed by the speaker of the house, two (2) municipal officials chosen
7 by the governing board of the Iowa League of Municipalities, one of
8 whom shall be from a city of more than fifty thousand (50,000) popu-
9 lation; a county supervisor chosen by the Iowa County Supervisors'
10 Association, a county engineer chosen by the Iowa County Engineers'
11 Association, and a member of the state highway commission chosen
12 by the commission. Should any vacancy appear on the committee,
13 the person or authority originally appointing the member whose posi-
14 tion is vacant, shall appoint a successor.

1 SEC. 2. The committee shall choose a chairman from its members
2 and shall adopt rules for the conduct of its meetings. The committee
3 is authorized to employ a secretary and such other aids and employ-
4 ees as are necessary to conduct its business and to fix the compensa-
5 tion of the secretary and other employees. The committee may hold
6 public hearings, shall have access to all official records, may subpoena
7 witnesses and compel the production of books, papers, or other docu-
8 ments, pertaining to its investigation and study. Witnesses shall be
9 entitled to witness fees and actual travel expenses as audited and
10 approved by the committee. The committee may appoint subcommit-
11 tees of one or more members to hold hearings and conduct investiga-
12 tions in any part of the state. Any member of the committee shall
13 have the power to administer oaths.

1 SEC. 3. This committee shall have the duty and authority to study
2 any aspect of the service of providing roads for Iowa citizens. The
3 study shall be concerned with all primary highways, including inter-
4 state highways; all secondary roads, including farm-to-market roads;
5 and municipal streets. Special attention should be given to the follow-
6 ing:

7 1. An engineering study of the present deficiencies and the future
8 needs of all highways, roads and streets in the state;

9 2. A finance study to determine the adequacy of highway revenues,
10 both state and local, to meet these deficiencies and needs;

11 3. A management study to determine the ability of the state, coun-
12 ties and cities and towns to plan and spend close to two hundred mil-
13 lion dollars (\$200,000,000) annually in highway revenues in a sound
14 and efficient manner;

15 4. A safety study to determine what is being done and what more
16 can be done to make Iowa's roads safer;

17 5. An analysis of the highway, road and street laws to determine
18 how these can be strengthened to enable highway administrators to
19 do a better job.

1 SEC. 4. The committee shall make recommendations to the Fifty-
2 ninth General Assembly on matters of management, financing, safety,
3 construction and maintenance of our highway system. These recom-
4 mendations shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

5 1. A recommendation for sound legislative policies and manage-
6 ment practices to be followed in primary highway construction and
7 maintenance in view of the increase in federal funds for interstate
8 highways;

9 2. A recommendation for an equitable basis for distribution of
10 state highway revenues so that this money will be spent where it is
11 most needed;

12 3. A recommendation for techniques to be used to get closer co-
13 ordination between the state and local units in planning and con-
14 structing our highways, roads and streets.

1 SEC. 5. The committee shall have the authority to utilize the facili-
2 ties of the state highway commission and other state and federal agen-
3 cies to complete this study and shall seek the co-operation of county
4 road and municipal street officials. The highway commission may,
5 with the approval of the committee, employ the necessary engineering
6 and other technical assistants to complete the study.

1 SEC. 6. Members of the committee shall be reimbursed for the
2 actual and necessary expenses incurred by them in the discharge of
3 their duties. In addition, committee members shall be paid such
4 amounts as the Fifty-ninth General Assembly may allow.

1 SEC. 7. The report of this committee and all proposed bills shall
2 be submitted to the governor and all members of the general assembly
3 at least two (2) months prior to the convening of the general assem-
4 bly in 1961.

1 SEC. 8. There is hereby appropriated from the road use tax fund,
2 the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or so much thereof as
3 may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of this Act; the com-
4 pensation of the employees of the committee and for expenses of such
5 committee and its members as provided herein, to be paid out of the
6 state treasury on vouchers to be approved by the chairman or secre-
7 tary of the committee and audited according to law. There is fur-
8 ther appropriated from the road use tax fund such sum as may be
9 approved by the budget and financial control committee upon request
10 of the committee herein created to the state highway commission to
11 be used to pay the cost of any study or research conducted by the
12 highway commission for the committee and to pay the cost of any
13 engineering or technical assistants or personnel employed for such
14 purpose by the commission. The committee herein created and the
15 highway commission are authorized and empowered on behalf of the
16 state to enter into any arrangement or contract with and required by
17 the duly constituted federal authority in order to secure the full co-

18 operation of the government of the United States, and the benefit of
 19 all present and future allotments of federal funds in aid of highway
 20 construction, reconstruction, improvement or maintenance that may
 21 be available for utilization to pay or partly pay the cost of the com-
 22 mittee and its functions. The committee and the highway commission
 23 are authorized and empowered subject to the approval of the budget
 24 and financial control committee to pledge and make available and ex-
 25 pend sufficient funds as may be required to equal the total of any sums
 26 apportioned and granted to the state for highway purposes by the
 27 United States government which may be utilized as provided above.

1 SEC. 9. No member of this committee shall be a member of the
 2 budget and financial control committee.

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CHAPTER 427

CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL

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A JOINT RESOLUTION creating a special committee to establish, plan for, and conduct appropriate programs in connection with the approaching centennial of the many important events of the Civil War, and to make an appropriation therefor.

WHEREAS, the Civil War was the greatest test our country ever faced, built of the heroism and endurance that were drawn from men and women of both sections by devotion to principles valued more than life itself, and the loss, the gain, and the experience itself are a common national possession, and

WHEREAS, more Iowans gave their lives to their country in that conflict than in both World Wars, the Korean War and the Spanish-American War combined, and

WHEREAS, more than 76,000 citizens of Iowa served in the Union forces during that conflict out of a population of 674,000, and 13,000 of them made the supreme sacrifice for their convictions, and

WHEREAS, a National Commission has been established to plan for and conduct appropriate programs in connection with the approaching Centennial of the many important events of the Civil War, and

WHEREAS, many States of the Union have established agencies to conduct such programs, and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has appropriated \$100,000 annually, the State of Virginia \$25,000 annually, and other states have made comparable appropriations for this purpose,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

1 SECTION 1. A special committee of eleven members is hereby cre-
 2 ated. Said committee shall consist of two members of the Senate of