

additional funds in fiscal year 1999, I would encourage the foundation to explore opportunities with the private sector for a joint venture on this project.

I am unable to approve the item designated as section 31, in its entirety. This item would require the Department of General Services to establish a system for comparative evaluation and rating of all state vertical infrastructure needs, including the Board of Regents institutions. I am disappointed the legislature chose not to establish a citizen board as recommended by the Fisher Commission nor to provide adequate staff to allow the state to become more systematic in its approach to prioritizing infrastructure needs. I believe the board and the additional staffing are necessary prerequisites to developing a comparative evaluation methodology.

For the above reasons, I hereby respectfully disapprove these items in accordance with Amendment IV of the Amendments of 1968 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in House File 733 are hereby approved as of this date.

Sincerely,  
TERRY E. BRANSTAD, *Governor*

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## CHAPTER 216

### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT — EQUAL RIGHTS

H.J.R. 5

*Second Time Passed*

**A JOINT RESOLUTION** proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the equality of rights of men and women under the law.

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

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is proposed.

Section 1 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa, is amended to read as follows:

**RIGHTS OF PERSONS.** Section 1. All men and women are, by nature, free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights – among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

Sec. 2. The foregoing proposed amendment, having been adopted and agreed to by the Seventy-sixth General Assembly, 1995 Session, thereafter duly published, and now adopted and agreed to by the Seventy-seventh General Assembly in this joint resolution, shall be submitted to the people of the State of Iowa at the general election in November of the year nineteen hundred ninety-eight in the manner required by the Constitution of the State of Iowa and the laws of the State of Iowa.