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House File 187

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Conservation of Resources.

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A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter one hundred sixty (160), Code 1946,
relating to soil conservation.

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

1 Section 1. Amend section one hundred sixty point seven
2 (160.7), Code 1946, by adding thereto the following subsection:
3 "Upon the request in writing of the soil conservation
4 commissioners of any district, the board of supervisors or the
5 state highway commission operating in that district, in which
6 soil conservation work is being done, may permit the use of
7 county or state owned machinery or machinery under contract on
8 soil conservation projects. The operation of said machinery
9 when so used shall be by the usual operators under a
10 satisfactory agreement with the county supervisors or the
11 state highway commission covering compensation for its use.
12 When county owned machinery or machinery under contract to the
13 county is insufficient to provide the needs for soil conservation
14 work and other county activities, the board of supervisors shall
15 have the power to purchase additional machinery for soil
16 conservation work."

1 Sec. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance

- 2 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage
- 3 and publication in The Red Oak Express, a newspaper published
- 4 at Red Oak, Iowa, and in The Randolph Enterprise, a newspaper
- 5 published at Randolph, Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 187

The bill provides for the use of county or highway commission owned equipment or machinery under contract to be used off of the right of way, to slope road banks (without buying additional right of way) back on private land in order that the road sides can be much easier maintained and to prevent road side erosion. Also to control gullies and straighten streams that are or may become a menace to the highways.

The reason for the request coming from the soil district commissioners is that they are charged with the responsibility "To carry out preventive and control measures within the district, including, but not limited to, crop rotations, engineering operations, methods of cultivation, the growing of vegetation, changes in use of land or lands owned or controlled by this state or any of its agencies, with the consent and cooperation of the agency administering and having jurisdiction thereof, and on any other lands within the district, upon obtaining the consent of the owner or occupier of such lands or the necessary rights or interests in such lands."