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Conservation of Resources.

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

A Joint Resolution proposing to establish a temporary Resources Council to study problems of flood control, soil conservation, drainage, wild life conservation, and recreational facilities, and to recommend to the Fifty-third General Assembly means to achieve coordination of these activities.

WHEREAS, the problems of coordination between the agencies of the state of Iowa and the agencies of the federal government dealing with problems of soil conservation and flood control are becoming more complex, and more closely inter-related; and

WHEREAS, the heretofore locally considered problem of sub-surface and surface drainage are becoming more closely related to the above mentioned problems of surface soil conservation and flood control; and

WHEREAS, it is clearly evident that local agencies, properly administered, and cooperating with overall planning through federal agencies could more adequately and efficiently deal with the execution of plans for flood control, surface soil conservation and drainage; and

WHEREAS, it is daily becoming more evident that the problems of wild life conservation and the provision of adequate recreational and sports areas for the people of the state of Iowa are closely inter-related with the problems of flood control, surface soil conservation and sub-surface drainage; and

WHEREAS, it is to the best interests of the state of Iowa and to its future welfare and prosperity that all of these problems be attacked with utmost vigor, and that efforts made in the pursuance of each should be completely coordinated in a long range plan of resources conservation; and

WHEREAS, it is daily becoming more evident that such coordination is not possible under the present system of scattered and uncoordinated authority; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of this legislative body, meeting in the first session in the state of Iowa's second one hundred years of statehood to look well to the future and lay the plans that will continue to make Iowa the great state it has become; now, therefore

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

1 Section 1. There is hereby created a temporary Iowa
2 resources council, hereinafter referred to as "the council",
3 composed of nine members to be selected by the governor of the
4 state of Iowa to work with and through the Iowa development
5 commission in the execution of duties hereinafter stated. Members
6 of the council shall be recognized authorities in the fields of
7 soil and wild life conservation, geology, biology, hydraulics,
8 public health, engineering, and agriculture. One member of the
9 council shall be a member of the house of representatives and one
10 shall be a member of the senate.

1 Sec. 2. No member of the state conservation commission or
2 the state soil conservation committee shall be appointed to the
3 council.

1 Sec. 3. The life of the Iowa resources council shall be for
2 two years, starting July 1, 1947.

1 Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the council to make a
2 thorough study of the problems of flood control, surface soil
3 conservation, drainage, wild life conservation, and the provision
4 of recreational facilities for the residents of the state of Iowa,
5 and a study of the agencies now engaged in the administraton and
6 execution of these activities; to make recommendations as to

7 means for coordination of these activities to the end of greater
8 economy, efficiency, and effectiveness; to confer with federal
9 agencies concerned as to the most effective means of achieving
10 coordination between these said federal agencies and the state of
11 Iowa; to cooperate with the governor of the state of Iowa in the
12 preparation and coordination of such plans as he may have; to
13 study and prepare such legislation as may be necessary for the
14 implementing of such a program as they may suggest; and to report
15 its findings to the Fifty-third General Assembly not later than
16 twenty days after it convenes in regular session.

1 Sec. 5. The director of the Iowa development commission
2 shall serve as secretary and coordinator for the council,
3 providing such clerical assistance as may be needed. The council
4 is empowered to employ such permanent help and temporary expert
5 advisors as it may deem necessary within limits of the
6 appropriation hereinafter made.

1 Sec. 6. Members of the council shall serve without
2 compensation, but shall be paid their actual expenses incurred
3 in the execution of the duties herein imposed.

1 Sec. 7. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund
2 of the state not otherwise appropriated the sum of fifteen
3 thousand dollars (\$15,000) to defray the expenses of the council
4 for the biennium.