

March 29, 1951.
Sifting Committee.

House File 618
By PUBLIC LANDS AND BUILDINGS.

Passed House, Date

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Passed Senate, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to provide for the construction of a tunnel from the capitol building to the state office building on the capitol grounds, and to authorize the legislative advisory committee and the executive council to employ an architect or architects to prepare plans and specifications therefor, and to enter into a contract or contracts for the construction and equipment of such tunnel, and to provide an appropriation therefor.

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

1 Section 1. That for the purpose of the construction of
2 a tunnel on the state capitol grounds from the capitol
3 building to the state office building, to expedite the
4 performance of the public business, the legislative advisory
5 committee for the state office building and the executive
6 council are hereby authorized and empowered to employ an
7 architect or architects to prepare plans and specifications
8 for such tunnel and to approve said plans with such changes
9 and alterations as the legislative advisory committee and the
10 executive council may deem proper and appropriate. The said
11 joint committee is hereby authorized and empowered to enter
12 into a contract or contracts for the construction and equipment

13 of such tunnel; all contracts for the construction of such
14 tunnel shall be let in accordance with chapter nineteen (19),
15 Code 1950, and all laws amendatory thereof, and said joint
16 committee shall, in the performance of these powers and
17 duties herein bestowed and imposed, be controlled by the
18 provisions of chapter sixteen (16), Acts of the 49th General
19 Assembly.

1 Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated from the general
2 fund of the state, out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated,
3 the sum of \$90,000.00, which said sum, reduced by any balance
4 that may be remaining in the state office building appropriation,
5 made by chapter sixteen (16), 49th General Assembly, chapter
6 ten (10), Acts of the 51st General Assembly, chapter three
7 hundred seven (307), Acts of the 52nd General Assembly, and
8 chapter seventeen (17), Acts of the 53rd General Assembly,
9 after completion of this building, shall be expended for the
10 construction and equipment of said tunnel as herein provided.

1 Sec. 3. 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 Clayton County Register, a
4 newspaper published at Elkader, Iowa, and in the
5 Oakland Acorn, a newspaper published at Oakland, Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 618

Ever since the new state office building has been under way a tunnel connecting it with the capitol building has been considered. Provision has been made in the foundation of the new building for a tunnel entrance. It is the thought of the joint office building committee that this tunnel would greatly facilitate the carrying on of business between the two buildings, especially during inclement weather. This bill seeks to make possible such a tunnel.