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By COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS.

Passed House, Date

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

Passed Senate, Date.....

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

Approved

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing amendments to the constitution of the state of Iowa relating to the succession of officers to the office of Governor in the event of death or disability of the Governor or person elected to that office and to amend Section four (4) of Article IV and to repeal Section nineteen (19) of Article IV and propose a substitute therefor.

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

1 Section 1. That the following amendments to the Constitution
2 of Iowa are hereby proposed:

3 Amendment 1. Section four (4) of Article IV of the
4 Constitution of Iowa is amended by adding thereto the following:
5 "If, upon the completion of the canvass of votes for Governor
6 and Lieutenant Governor by the General Assembly, it shall appear
7 that the person who received the highest number of votes for
8 Governor has since died, resigned, is unable to qualify, fails
9 to qualify, or for any other reason is unable to assume the
10 duties of the office of Governor for the ensuing term, the
11 powers and duties of the office shall devolve upon the person
12 who received the highest number of votes for Lieutenant Governor
13 until the disability is removed, and upon inauguration, he shall

14 assume the powers and duties of Governor.”

15 Amendment 2. Section nineteen (19) of Article IV of the
16 Constitution of the State of Iowa is repealed and the following
17 adopted in lieu thereof: “Sec. 19. If there be a vacancy in
18 the office of Governor and the Lieutenant Governor shall by
19 reason of death, impeachment, resignation, removal from office
20 or other disability become incapable of performing the duties
21 pertaining to the office of Governor, the President pro tempore
22 of the Senate shall act as Governor until the vacancy is filled
23 or the disability removed; and if the President pro tempore of
24 the Senate, for any of the above causes, shall be incapable of
25 performing the duties pertaining to the office of Governor the
26 same shall devolve upon the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
27 and if the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for any of the
28 above causes, shall be incapable of performing the duties of
29 the office of Governor, the Justices of the Supreme Court shall
30 convene the General Assembly by proclamation and the General
31 Assembly shall organize by the election of a President pro tempore
32 by the Senate and a Speaker by the Touse of Representatives.
33 The General Assembly shall thereupon immediately proceed to the
34 election of a Governor and Lieutenant Governor in joint convention.”

1 Sec. 2. The foregoing proposed amendments to the Constitu-
2 tion of the State of Iowa having been adopted and agreed to by
3 the Fifty-third (53rd) General Assembly, thereafter duly published,
4 and now adopted and agreed to by the Fifty-fourth (54th) General

5 Assembly in this Joint Resolution, the same shall be submitted to
6 the people of the State of Iowa at the general election in nineteen
7 hundred fifty two (1952) in the manner required by the Constitution
8 of the State of Iowa and the laws of the State of Iowa.