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Labor. By CLARK of Appanoose, CLARK of Marion, NIELSEN.

Passed House, Date

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

Passed Senate, Date

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

Approved

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

A Joint Resolution creating a special committee to investigate the problem of workmen's compensation benefits payments and employer insurance therefor.

WHEREAS, there exists in this state many employers who are self-insured for payment of workmen's compensation benefits, and

WHEREAS, many employers find private insurer rates for workmen's compensation benefits are prohibitively expensive, and

WHEREAS, nationally the average return to the injured worker is sixty percent (60%), the average Iowa return is forty-seven percent (47%) of premiums paid, and

WHEREAS, many states have had great success by establishing a fund to insure such risks from premiums paid by employers, and

WHEREAS, the intention of the original workmen's compensation was to provide a state fund to cover claims; now therefore,

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

- 1 Section 1. A special committee of seven (7) members is
- 2 hereby created. Said committee shall consist of two (2)
- 3 members of the senate of the fifty-fourth (54th) general assembly
- 4 to be appointed by the president of the senate, two (2) members
- 5 of the house of representatives of the fifty-fourth (54th)
- 6 general assembly to be appointed by the speaker of the house
- 7 of representatives, and three (3) citizens of the state of Iowa
- 8 to be appointed by the governor, one (1) of whom shall be a

9 representative of labor, one (1) of whom shall be a representative
10 of industrial management, and one (1) of whom shall be
11 disinterested in the aims of either of the other two (2) as
12 hereinbefore stated. Not more than two (2) of the three (3)
13 members of said committee appointed by the governor, shall be
14 members of the same political party. Any vacancy in the
15 membership of the committee shall be filled by appointment
16 in the same manner, by the same official, and from the same
17 group as the original appointment. The committee shall choose
18 a chairman from its members and shall adopt rules for the
19 conduct of its proceedings.

1 Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of said committee to make
2 a comprehensive study of workmen's compensation claim payments,
3 self-insurers, premium requirements of private insurers and
4 the feasibility of a state controlled insurance fund.

1 Sec. 3. The committee shall have the cooperation of the
2 industrial commissioner and the state university and their
3 respective staffs in the performance of the duties herein
4 imposed, and is authorized to call on any department of the
5 state government for assistance in obtaining information deemed
6 useful to the committee.

1 Sec. 4. The committee shall have access to all public
2 records pertaining to its investigation, and may hold public
3 hearings as it may deem proper. The committee shall generally
4 have all the powers of a legislative committee or of a joint
5 legislative committee. The chairman or any member of the

6 committee shall have power to administer oaths.

1 Sec. 5. The committee shall enter into its duties as
2 soon as the membership has been appointed. It shall make a
3 report including drafts of proposed bills, to the governor,
4 on or before November 15, 1952. Upon the making of its said
5 report to the governor, the committee shall stand discharged
6 of its duties hereunder. The governor shall cause to be
7 printed the necessary number of copies of said report and
8 shall mail copies of said printed report to the elected members
9 of the fifty-fifth (55th) general assembly on or before
10 December 15, 1952.

1 Sec. 6. The committee is hereby empowered to employ a
2 secretary and such other employees as are necessary for the
3 proper conduct of the business of the committee, and to fix
4 the compensation of such employees. All members of the committee
5 shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses
6 incurred by them in the discharge of their duties. Members of
7 the committee appointed by the governor shall receive a compensation
8 of ten dollars (\$10.00) per day for days actually engaged in
9 work of the committee. Legislative members of the committee
10 shall receive as compensation such amounts as the fifty-fifth
11 (55th) general assembly may allow.

1 Sec. 7. The compensation and expense of committee members
2 and employees, the cost of office supplies and other expenses
3 of the committee incurred in the performance of the duties
4 herein imposed, and the cost of printing the committee's report,

5 but not exceeding \$5,000.00 in total amount, shall be paid
6 from the general funds of the state not otherwise appropriated.

7 The chairman of the committee shall certify the expenses
8 of the committee as herein provided, to the state comptroller
9 upon certification thereof, such expenses shall be paid by the
10 state comptroller in the same manner as other expenses of the
11 state.

1 Sec. 8. This Resolution being deemed of immediate importance,
2 shall be in full force and effect upon its publication in the
3 _____, a newspaper published at
4 _____, Iowa, and the _____,
5 a newspaper published at _____, Iowa.