

March 13, 1963.
Place on Calendar.

House File 539
By CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.

Passed House, Date 4-29-63 Passed Senate, Date 5-3-63
Vote: Ayes 45 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 41 Nays 1
Approved 5-16-63

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section one hundred seven point twenty-four (107.24), Code 1962, relating to the purchase and operation of such aircraft as required by the conservation commission in the performance of its duties.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section one hundred seven point twenty-four
- 2 (107.24), Code 1962, is hereby amended by adding thereto the
- 3 following new subsection:
- 4 "Purchase, equip and operate such aircraft as the commission
- 5 deems necessary for use in law enforcement, surveys, censusing,
- 6 and other work for which the commission is responsible by law."

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 539

The commission's 1957 model Piper has been grounded since March 30, 1962. The repairs necessary at that time were not warranted in view of the age and value of the plane. This is the fifth plane the commission has owned and no problem was foreseen in replacement of the plane. However, when bids were received on a new plane in the summer of 1962 the commission was refused authority to purchase the plane because of a verbal opinion of the attorney general's office saying that the commission did not have statutory authority to purchase an aircraft. Money for this replacement is budgeted for the current year with fish and game license revenue money and part of the cost will be paid by federal forestry funds.