

May 1, 1963.
Appropriations.

H. J. R. 21
By ANDERSEN of Woodbury
and MAULE.

Passed House, Date.....

Passed Senate, Date.....

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

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

Approved.....

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

A Joint Resolution creating a special committee to confer with the members of the legislature of the state of Nebraska, and to study and negotiate on the present boundary line between the states of Nebraska and Iowa, and to report on the matter to the members of the Sixty-first General Assembly; and to make an appropriation therefor.

Whereas, a study committee was established by House Joint Resolution 8, Chapter 307, Acts of the Fifty-seventh General Assembly, to study the Iowa-Nebraska boundary line, and

Whereas, said study committee reported to the Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth General Assemblies, and

Whereas, said study committee reporting to the Fifty-ninth General Assembly recommended the establishment of a boundary line between the states of Iowa and Nebraska, and

Whereas, neither the Fifty-ninth nor Sixtieth General Assemblies have been able to reach agreement concerning the settlement of the Iowa-Nebraska boundary line, now therefore;

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

1 Section 1. A special committee is hereby created to study and
2 negotiate a solution to the boundary line between the states of
3 Iowa and Nebraska.

1 Sec. 2. Said committee shall be composed of six (6) members,
2 three (3) of whom shall be appointed from the membership of the
3 House by the Speaker of the House, and three (3) of whom shall be
4 appointed from the membership of the Senate by the President of
5 the Senate.

1 Sec. 3. The committee shall have full power and authority to
2 study, inquire into, and examine all pertinent matters relating
3 to the Iowa-Nebraska boundary. The committee may draft such
4 legislation as it believes will both correct the existing situa-

5 tion and be acceptable to the state of Nebraska.

1 Sec. 4. The committee shall choose a chairman from its
2 members and shall adopt rules for the conduct of its proceedings.

3 The committee shall have access to all public records, be given
4 the co-operation and assistance of all public officials and
5 departments, and shall generally have the power of any legisla-
6 tive committee.

1 Sec. 5. A vacancy on the committee shall exist whenever a
2 member ceases to be a member of the General Assembly. Vacancies
3 on the committee shall be filled under the same authority and
4 restrictions as the original appointment. Members of the
5 committee shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses
6 incurred by them in the actual discharge of their duties.

1 Sec. 6. The committee shall report its findings and recommen-
2 dations to the members of the Sixty-first General Assembly.

1 Sec. 7. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund
2 of the state not otherwise obligated the sum of one thousand
3 (1,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry
4 out the purposes of this Act. All expenses incurred by the com-
5 mittee shall be paid out of the general fund of the state on
6 vouchers to be approved by the chairman or secretary of the com-
7 mittee and audited according to law.

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

EXPLANATION OF H. J. R. 21

The purpose of this joint resolution is to get more facts on the boundary situation, during the next biennium, together with recommendations to the Sixty-first General

Assembly. At the present time there are approximately twenty-five Nebraska people sueing in the Iowa courts to get title to land. There is a lot of difficulty in regard to law enforcement because the boundary is not known. In many cases part of Nebraska is on the east side of the river and part of Iowa is on the west side. This involves confusion as to who is going to develop recreational areas and sites for industrial plants. When the title is not valid or clouded it is not possible to get industry to build.

With the coming of a nine-foot channel from Omaha to Sioux City, in the next several years, this becomes doubly important because of the river traffic that is expected.

There has been considerable boundary friction between South Dakota and Nebraska. Currently Missouri and Nebraska are negotiating their boundary. There are approximately 50,000 or more acres on which title is uncertain which needs to be settled.

Because of these and other considerations, it is thought that a thorough study during the biennium should be made to see if the boundary question can be solved to the satisfaction of both Iowa and Nebraska.
