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4/10/01 Referred To: State Gov.

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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 141
BY COHOON

Passed House, Date _____ Passed Senate, Date _____
Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the designation of a "Bill of Rights Day".
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 1C.12 BILL OF RIGHTS DAY.

2 The governor of this state is hereby authorized and
3 requested to issue annually a proclamation designating the
4 fifteenth day of December as "Bill of Rights Day" and to
5 encourage all governmental bodies in the state to observe the
6 day in a manner that emphasizes the meaning and importance of
7 the first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United
8 States, and encourage a formal recitation of the Bill of
9 Rights in its entirety in all public schools, government
10 meetings, and courtrooms on or about that date.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill authorizes and requests the governor to issue
13 annually a proclamation designating December 15, the month and
14 day of ratification in 1791 of the first 10 amendments to the
15 Constitution of the United States, as "Bill of Rights Day".
16 The proclamation is also intended to encourage all
17 governmental bodies in the state to observe the day in a
18 manner that emphasizes the meaning and importance of the Bill
19 of Rights, and to encourage a formal recitation of the Bill of
20 Rights in its entirety in all public schools, government
21 meetings, and courtrooms on or about that date.

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