

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 107

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A Concurrent Resolution relating to the board of correction's evaluation of the Iowa state penitentiary in Fort Madison.

WHEREAS, the governor requested the board of corrections to evaluate the condition of the Iowa state penitentiary following the escape of two inmates at the facility; and

WHEREAS, the governor requested the board to evaluate whether a new facility should be constructed to replace the existing Iowa state penitentiary, whether the existing penitentiary should be upgraded, or whether inmates should be transferred from the penitentiary to other correctional institutions; and

WHEREAS, the governor requested the board of corrections to report the board's recommendations to the governor within 30 days of undertaking such an evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the decision to replace the penitentiary, or upgrade the facility, or to transfer inmates to other correctional institutions is an extremely important public safety issue for the citizens of Iowa; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the board of corrections should undertake a more deliberative process and study the future of the Iowa state penitentiary more thoroughly before making any recommendations about the future of an institution that has been serving Iowans

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1 for over 150 years; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the general assembly
3 requests that the governor order the board of
4 corrections to continue to study the future of the
5 Iowa state penitentiary and to allow the board more
6 time to finish such an important undertaking; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board make
8 recommendations about the future of the penitentiary
9 to the general assembly by January 8, 2007.

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