

RESOLUTION NO. 100
Presented by Representative Hannig

WHEREAS, recent media reports have detailed the operation and utilization of helicopter flights by personnel of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation already has four State-owned planes and one State helicopter; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Tollway Authority operates with taxpayers money; now

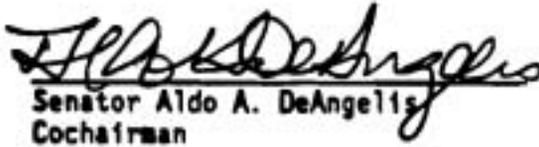
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Audit Commission of the State of Illinois that the Auditor General is directed to conduct a special inquiry regarding the utilization of helicopter flights by the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and report his findings to the Legislative Audit Commission as soon as possible, but no later than May 15, 1994.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this special inquiry shall include but need not be limited to the following determinations:

- 1) A determination of the type of equipment utilized for such flights, including the date purchased and hours logged;
- 2) A determination of the costs associated with such flights;
- 3) A determination of the recorded users of such flights and the recorded numbers, times, and purposes of the flights by each user according to Authority records;
- 4) An examination of other comparable toll highway authorities' use of such transportation;
- 5) A determination of the number and percentage of flights used for:
 - emergency
 - engineering and planning
 - administrative (Toll Highway)
 - administrative (other State agencies)
 - other;
- 6) A determination of whether the Toll Highway received reimbursement for costs incurred for flights of a personal or otherwise non-official purpose;
- 7) A determination of whether the per mile charge is sufficient to cover the costs incurred and how the per mile charge compares with those of private or public air transportation; and

- 8) A determination of whether the Toll Highway has analyzed the cost-effectiveness of its air operation and examined whether alternate means exist to fulfill its travel needs (such as leasing aircraft or using private or public commercial aircraft on an as needed basis).

Adopted this 3rd day of March, 1994.


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