

and records necessary or convenient to be examined or used by them in the course of the discharge of their duties;

That said committee shall have power to call upon the services of any department, board, commission or officer of the state in the conduct of such investigation and all such departments, boards, commissions and officers shall promptly furnish any and all information which may be called for and give to the committee such assistance as they can render;

That said committee shall have power to employ necessary stenographers and assistants and fix their compensation;

That each member of said committee be reimbursed by the state for his actual and necessary traveling expenses, but shall receive no compensation for time devoted to the work of the committee;

That said committee shall begin its investigations as soon as possible after passage of this resolution and shall make such recommendations and report such bills as it may deem advisable at any time during the present session of the legislature. In the event that said committee shall not have completed its work by the time of final adjournment, it shall be and is hereby continued as an interim committee of this legislature. The final report of the committee, together with any proposed bills which it may recommend, shall be sent to each member and member-elect of the 1929 legislature at least thirty days prior to the convening of such session.

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### JOINT RESOLUTION

Providing for a special joint committee on water power.

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WHEREAS, Water power is one of the important natural resources of this state which is rendered all the more valuable because Wisconsin is one of the few industrial states which has no coal; and

WHEREAS, There is a wide spread sentiment in this state that under present laws the benefits of this great natural resource accrue almost exclusively to private interests, in large part from outside of the state, rather than to all of the people; and

WHEREAS, There is great need for a thoroughgoing study of the entire problem so that this state may adopt a water power policy based upon the facts of the situation and which will secure to the people of the state the maximum benefits from this great natural resource; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring.* That a joint committee to consist of two members of the Senate and of three members of the Assembly be appointed in the manner that standing committees are appointed, to investigate the water power situation in this state and all problems connected with the development, utilization, control and regulation of the water powers of the state, with a view to formulating and recommending to this legislature a consistent and practicable water power policy; be it further

*Resolved,* That said committee may extend its investigations and recommendations to the subject of electric power in general in relation to water power;

That said committee may by subpoena, issued over the signature of its chairman and served in the manner in which circuit court subpoenas are served, summon and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of all books, papers, documents and records necessary or convenient to be examined or used by them in the course of the discharge of their duties;

That said committee shall have power to call upon the services of any department, board, commission or officer of the state in the conduct of such investigation and all such departments, boards, commissions and officers shall promptly furnish any and all information which may be called for and give to the committee such assistance as they can render;

That said committee shall have power to employ necessary stenographers and assistants and fix their compensation;

That the findings and recommendations of said committee, together with bills to carry out its recommendations, shall be made to this legislature not later than April 1, 1927; that bills accompanying either the majority report or the minority report, if any, shall be entitled to introduction within said time limit.

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