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CHAPTER 390

AN ACT creating a commission to confer with similar commissions from the states of Minnesota and Michigan and with federal authorities upon a joint port authority for the Superior-Duluth area and for the Marinette-Menominee area.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

There is created a commission to confer with similar commissions from the states of Minnesota and Michigan and with federal authorities for the purpose of investigating and studying the possibility of creating a joint port authority for the Superior-Duluth harbor area and Marinette-Menominee harbor area. The commission shall consist of 2 senators and 3 assemblymen to be appointed by the legislative council. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled by the governor. The existence of the commission shall terminate upon the sine die adjournment of the regular 1961 session of the legislature unless its existence is extended by joint resolution of the legislature.

(1) The commission shall make a detailed, comprehensive investigation and study of the possibilities of forming such joint port authorities and shall determine what grants, contributions and assistance, financial or otherwise, may be available from the federal government or from either state or political subdivision thereof for the purpose of operating and improving such ports.

(2) The joint commission composed of the commission selected in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin shall select a chairman, a vice chairman, and such other officers as it deems necessary, and may hold meetings at such times and places as it may designate.

(3) The joint commission may subpoena witnesses and records and employ such assistance as it deems necessary to perform effectively its duties and may do all things necessary to accomplish its purposes.

(4) Every state, county, town, municipal and harbor commission officer is hereby authorized and directed to co-operate with this commission and to make available to the commission, upon request, all pertinent records and information under their control.

(5) The commission shall make a report to the legislature not later than January 15, 1961, setting forth its findings as a result of such investigation and study and shall make such recommendations as it deems proper.

(6) The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. "Commission" as used in this act means committee within the meaning of s. 20.530 (1) (c).

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