

[Jt. Res. No. 121, S.]

[Deposited Aug. 29, 1929.]

No. 80, 1929.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to a special committee to study the problem of the prevention of traffic accidents and to report to the 1931 legislature a traffic code for this state.

WHEREAS, Highway accidents have been increasing at an alarming rate and each year more and more citizens of Wisconsin lose their lives in such accidents; and

WHEREAS, It is now generally recognized that before much progress can be made toward reducing this death toll, there should be made a careful study of the causes of accidents on streets and highways and of the methods by which such accidents may be prevented. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That there be and is hereby created a special committee to study the causes of street and highway accidents and the methods of their prevention, and to recommend to the next legislature a revised traffic code for this state. The said committee shall consist of two members of the senate and three members of the assembly appointed by the presiding officers of the respective houses, and of two citizens of the state appointed by the governor. The members of the said committee shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be paid a mileage of ten cents per mile for each mile travelled in going to and from meetings of the committee on the most usual route. Be it further

Resolved, That such committee is authorized to hold such meetings at such places and at such dates as it may deem expedient, and employ such clerical assistance and stenographers as it may deem necessary and fix their compensation, and that any member of such committee shall have power to administer oaths to persons appearing before it. Be it further

Resolved, 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. Be it further

Resolved, That the findings and recommendations of said committee shall be presented to the governor not later than December 1, 1930 and shall be transmitted by the governor to the legislature of 1931 at the opening of its session.

[Jt. Res. No. 105, A.]

[Deposited Aug. 30, 1929.]

No. 82, 1929.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to an interim committee on fire insurance.

WHEREAS, This state in 1917 passed an act requiring that licensed fire insurance companies shall participate in and financially support a rating bureau, and only one rating bureau has been established by these fire insurance companies; and

WHEREAS, For twelve years there has been no substantial revision of the fire insurance laws in the light of present-time experience and developments; and

WHEREAS, Fire insurance affects practically every citizen of the state of Wisconsin; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That an interim joint committee, to consist of two senators and three assemblymen, to be appointed as are standing committees, is hereby created to investigate the conditions relative to fire insurance in this state, and particularly to study and make recommendation upon the following matters relating thereto:

1. The operation and practices under the present law of the Wisconsin inspection bureau, its auxiliaries and divisions as it affects the great mass of insurers in this state;

2. The advisability of having the state represented for the purpose of protecting the interest of the people;

3. Definition of the term "reasonable rate" as used in the insurance laws, and how this "reasonable rate" shall be determined;

4. The advisability of permitting the state, city, village, town or county to be heard at a public hearing before any important changes in rules, regulations or increased rates, promulgated or established by the bureau, shall become effective.