

SECTION 3. The committee shall hold such meetings at such times and places as it may find necessary, and any member of the committee shall have power to administer oaths to persons appearing before it. The committee may, by subpoena issued over the signature of its chairman or acting 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 and used by them in their investigation. If any witness subpoenaed to appear before said committee shall refuse to appear to answer inquiries propounded, or shall fail or refuse to produce books, documents, papers, or records within his control when the same are demanded by the committee, it shall report the facts to the circuit court of Dane county, and it shall be the duty of such court to compel obedience to such subpoena by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court or a refusal to testify therein.

SECTION 4. The interim committee created in section 1 of this act shall report its findings and recommendations to any special session of this legislature, if such session is convened, and if not to the legislature of 1933 at the opening of its regular session. All recommendations shall be accompanied by drafts of appropriate bills to carry the same into effect.

SECTION 5. There is appropriated from the general fund to the interim committee on banking a sum sufficient for the performance of its duties, but not to exceed five thousand dollars. Payments under this appropriation shall be made by certification by the chairman or vice-chairman of the committee.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved June 27, 1931.

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CHAPTER 418.

AN ACT to transfer the balances in the appropriation made by section 20.42, Statutes of 1929, to the geological and natural history survey, to the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. The balances on June 30, 1931, in the appropriation made in section 20.42, Statutes of 1929, to the geological and natural history survey shall on July 1, 1931, be transferred and added to the appropriation to the board of regents of the university of Wisconsin for the state geologist in paragraph (a) of subsection (17) of section 20.41 as revised in chapter 67, laws of 1931.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 419.

AN ACT to amend subsection (1) of section 195.29 of the statutes, relating to the powers of the railroad commission.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (1) of section 195.29 of the statutes is amended to read: (195.29) (1) PETITION, HEARING, ORDER. Upon petition by the common council or board of any city, village, town or county within or bordering upon which a highway or street crosses a railroad, or a highway or street is proposed to be laid out across a railroad, or upon petition by any railroad whose track crosses or is about to cross, or is crossed or about to be crossed by a street or highway, or upon petition by the state highway commission, in cases where provision has been made for the improvement of the highway adjacent to such crossing under any state aid or federal aid law, that public safety requires an alteration in such crossing, its approaches, the method of crossing, the location of the highway or crossing, or the closing of the crossing, and the substitution of another therefor at grade or not at grade, or the removal of obstructions to the view at such crossing, the relocation of the highway, or requires the determination of the manner of making such new crossing, or of making the proposed improvement or promoting the public safety through any other reasonable method, and praying that the same may be ordered, the commission shall give notice to the parties in