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CHAPTER 417.

AN ACT to create a joint legislative interim committee on postwar planning and making appropriations.

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

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON POSTWAR PLANNING. (1) There is created a joint legislative interim committee on postwar planning, consisting of 3 senators and 4 assemblymen to be appointed as are standing committees in their respective houses. The committee shall elect from its membership a chairman and a secretary.

(2) The committee shall make such surveys and studies and compile such data, information and records as in its judgment will be beneficial and useful in effecting readjustments from emergency and war conditions in this state to a peacetime economy. To this end the committee shall:

(a) Make preliminary plans and surveys for a long-range program of public works projects, including the construction, remodeling and repair of buildings, property and equipment at state institutions, the university, and other educational institutions, construction and improvement of state sewerage plants, conservation and other projects, for execution and construction by the state or by any public agency which the state is authorized by laws to assist, following the termination of the war.

(b) Keep records of the progress of the design and construction of parkways, buildings and other structures and public housing projects, for which funds for surveys, plans and specifications or construction have heretofore been made or shall hereafter be made available, so that information relating to the statutes, scope, cost, employment possibilities, materials, and equipment needed for the execution or completion of such projects following the termination of the war may be promptly available.

(c) Prepare and maintain current progress information with respect to public works projects of the political subdivisions of this state and of public agencies which such political subdivisions are authorized by law to assist.

(d) Maintain liaison with federal, state and local officials and agencies concerned with postwar planning.

(3) The committee may appoint such advisory committees as it may deem feasible.

(4) The enumeration of specific powers, duties or functions herein shall not be deemed a limitation of the functions of the committee, but the committee may make such studies and surveys and prepare and compile such data and information as it may deem advisable on any phase of the general subject of postwar planning.

(5) The members of the committee shall receive no compensation for their services but they shall be reimbursed for expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The committee may employ and fix the compensation of such personnel as it may deem necessary for the execution of its functions. The committee may call upon any state department, agency or officer, or agency of any political subdivision for such facilities and data as may be available and state departments, agencies and officers, and agencies of political subdivisions shall cooperate with the committee to the fullest possible extent.

(6) The committee shall enter upon its duties promptly after appointment of its membership. After the adjournment of the 1943 legislature, said committee shall function as an interim committee.

(7) The committee shall submit a report of its findings, conclusions and recommendations to any special session of the legislature that may be called or, if no special session is called, to the next regular session of the legislature. It may submit with its report drafts of such bills as it may deem advisable.

(8) There is appropriated from the general fund to the joint legislative committee on postwar planning the sum of \$5,000 for the execution of its functions. All expenditures from this appropriation shall be by voucher signed by the chairman and the secretary of the committee.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the general fund to the joint legislative committee on the welfare and rehabilitation of returning Wisconsin veterans of World War II, created by joint resolution No. 53, S. (1943), the sum of \$2,000 for the execution of its functions. All expenditures from this appropriation shall be by voucher signed by the chairman and the secretary of the committee.

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