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**CHAPTER 361.**

AN ACT to create section 15.005 of the statutes, relating to a committee on business economics within the executive council.  
*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: 15.005 (1) The executive council shall appoint from its membership a committee on business economics, consisting of such number and with such officers as the council may determine. The council shall appoint an executive secretary for said committee at such salary as it may determine, and such other employes as may be necessary. Such committee shall maintain an office in the capitol. Each member of the committee shall be reimbursed his actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his duties, but shall receive no compensation for services.

(2) It shall be the duty of the committee, and it shall have power, jurisdiction and authority:

(a) To keep in touch with business conditions in the state at all times and to keep informed as to conditions affecting the success or failure of business enterprises in the state;

(b) To investigate and study the causes of business depression or failure and ways and means of remedying or averting such depression or failure;

(c) Upon the request of any manufacturer, merchant or other business man, to make a detailed survey of the conditions, methods and practices of such business and to give such assistance or advice as it can in making the business more efficient and profitable. The cost of any such survey shall be paid by the person, firm or corporation for whom the survey is made.

(d) To offer its services to any business reported by the tax commission to be operating at a loss:

(e) To investigate and study ways and means of improving business generally and methods of enlarging markets for Wisconsin products. In assisting or improving business, the committee shall consider methods of stimulating employment and minimizing unemployment.

(3) The committee shall co-operate with other state departments and such other departments shall co-operate with said com-

mittee to the fullest possible extent as provided in section 14.65. In particular, when requested by the committee or its executive secretary, the department of economics, school of commerce, extension division or other departments of the university shall render all possible assistance in carrying out the provisions of this section. The committee may solicit the services of any helpful agency or individual in the performance of its duties.

(4) The secretary of state shall, before issuing a certificate of incorporation or a license to a foreign corporation, notify the committee as to the name of such corporation and the nature and place of its business and giving such other information as the committee may require.

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

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### CHAPTER 362.

AN ACT to amend subsection (8) of section 20.49 of the statutes, relating to the payment of allotments of highway funds to towns and villages.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (8) of section 20.49 of the statutes is amended to read: (20.49) (8) On January 1, 1932, and annually thereafter, to the towns, villages and cities of the state, for the improvement of public roads and streets within their respective limits which are open and used for travel, and which are not portions of the state or county trunk highway systems, and which are not direct connections through cities between state trunk highways, the following sums: Each town and village shall receive for each mile of such road or street, the sum of fifty dollars; each city with a population not more than ten thousand by the last federal census shall receive for each mile of such road or street, the sum of one hundred dollars; each city with a population more than ten thousand and not more than thirty-six thousand shall receive for each mile of such road or street, the sum of two hundred dollars; each city with a population more than thirty-six thousand and