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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

A JOINT RESOLUTION to create a special Public Utility Study Committee to review and study information on needed legislation for supervision of public utility rates and to make an appropriation to said committee.

WHEREAS, the rates charged by certain utility companies in Iowa may be increased by said utility companies at any time and in such amounts as they desire, and

WHEREAS, there is no authority in Iowa to which application must be made for permission to make such increases in rates, and

WHEREAS, public welfare requires that any proposals for rate increases should be heard and determined by an impartial tribunal before permission be granted to make such increase and the General Assembly should have information to use as a guide for such needed legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. There is hereby created a special interim Public
2 Utility Study Committee. Said committee shall consist of two
3 members of the Senate of the 54th General Assembly to be appointed
4 by the President of the Senate and two members of the House of
5 Representatives of the 54th General Assembly to be appointed by
6 the Speaker and two citizens of Iowa to be appointed by the
7 Governor. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as
8 original appointments. The committee shall choose a chairman

9 from its membership and adopt such rules for conduct of its
10 proceedings as shall be necessary.

1 Sec. 2. The committee shall make a comprehensive study
2 of all available information on public utility costs and rates
3 charged to the public and may hold hearings and issue subpoenas
4 and compel the attendance of witnesses at its hearings. Wit-
5 nesses duly subpoenaed and attending any such hearing shall be
6 paid fees and mileage by the committee equal to fees and mileage
7 paid witnesses in the district court. The committee may also
8 require the production of books and papers in the same manner
9 as such books and papers may be required to be produced in an
10 action in the district court.

1 Sec. 3. The committee shall have the co-operation of all
2 state departments. It shall make a report of needed legislation,
3 including drafts of proposed bills, to the governor on or before
4 November 15, 1952. Upon making of its report the committee
5 shall stand discharged of its duties hereunder. The governor
6 shall cause the report to be printed and distributed to the
7 elected members of the 55th General Assembly on or before Decem-
8 ber 15, 1952.

1 Sec. 4. The committee is hereby empowered to employ a
2 secretary and such other employees and assistants as are neces-
3 sary for the proper conduct of the business of the committee,
4 and to fix the compensation of such employees. All members of
5 the committee shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary
6 expenses incurred by them in the discharge of their duties.

7 Members of the committee appointed by the governor shall receive
8 a compensation of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day for days
9 actually engaged in work of the committee. Legislative members
10 of the committee shall receive as compensation such amounts as
11 the 55th General Assembly may allow.

12 The executive council shall provide the committee with a
13 suitable office and with necessary office supplies and equipment
14 for the conduct of its business.

1 Sec. 5. The sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)
2 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated
3 out of the General Fund of the State for the purposes herein
4 contemplated, except printing.

5 The chairman of the committee shall certify the expenses
6 of the committee as herein provided to the state comptroller
7 who shall issue warrants for the same from funds heretofore
8 appropriated.

1 Sec. 6. This Joint Resolution being deemed of immediate
2 importance shall be in full force and effect from and after
3 publication in the _____, a newspaper
4 published at _____, Iowa, and the
5 _____, a newspaper published at _____, Iowa.