

no compensation for their services. The committee herein created shall report its findings of fact, with any recommendations which it may deem proper, to this legislature at its special session.

"The said committee is authorized to hold such meetings as it may deem expedient and any member thereof 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 or used by them in the discharge of their duties. 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, and records within his possession or control when the same are demanded, said committee 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 case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court, or refusal to testify therein."

A legislative resolution has not the force of law. Op. Atty. Gen. for 1904, 335; IV Op. Atty. Gen. 1076; XVII Op. Atty. Gen. 166.

But, by virtue of the legislative power vested in it by the constitution, the legislature, or either house thereof, has the necessary incidental power to obtain any information that may assist it in legislating, and may compel the attendance of witnesses to that end. *State ex rel. Rosenhein v. Frear*, 138 Wis. 173; *McGrain v. Daugherty*, 273 U. S. 135, 71 L. ed. 580.

The provisions of secs. 13.25 to 13.30, providing for subpoena of witnesses by presiding officer and clerk, with contempt proceedings by the house itself, and method of payment of witnesses so subpoenaed, are not exclusive of the exercise of its general powers of investigation into legislative matters by either house. *McGrain v. Daugherty, supra*. The subpoena may, by authority of the house, be issued by the committee, as provided in Res. No. 99, A., 1931. *McGrain v. Daugherty, supra*.

Under a resolution of like content, the attorney general in 1915 advised the use of secs. 13.25 to 13.30. IV Op. Atty.