

Senators Ananich, Young, Hertel, Warren, Knezek, Hopgood, Gregory and Bieda offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 133.

A resolution to extend subpoena power to the Senate Government Operations Committee.

Whereas, Full access to accurate information is essential for sound decision making by any public or private body. Section 1 of 1952 PA 46, being MCL 4.541, provides, in part, that:

" . . . any standing or select committee of the senate or the house of representatives, and any joint select committee of the senate and house of representatives, shall be authorized to subpoena and have produced before any such committee, or inspect the records and files of any state department, board, institution or agency; and it shall be the duty of any state department, board, institution or agency to produce before the committee as required by the subpoena, or permit the members of any such committee to inspect its records and files."

; and

Whereas, Pursuant to Rule 2.102 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the authority for a committee to issue subpoenas shall be granted by resolution; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That, pursuant to MCL 4.541 and Rule 2.102 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, subpoena power is hereby granted to the Senate Government Operations Committee for the purposes of conducting a series of hearings to exercise oversight with respect to water safety issues in the city of Flint, which occurred after a state-appointed emergency financial manager ordered the city's water supply be changed to the Flint River, and state environmental quality officials properly regulated neither the treatment of the new water source nor the response to this crisis as conducted by various state departments.