

- (3) the most effective means for realizing such objectives.
- (b) The Secretary shall submit to the Congress interim reports from time to time and a final report not later than eighteen months after the date of enactment of this joint resolution. Such final report shall contain a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the Secretary, together with his recommendations for legislation and such other action as the Secretary deems necessary to carry out the objectives of this joint resolution.

ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS

SEC. 2. In order to carry out his functions under this joint resolution, the Secretary is authorized to—

- (1) appoint and fix the compensation of such employees as he deems necessary without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointment in the competitive service and without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates;
- (2) obtain the services of experts and consultants in accordance with the provisions of section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not to exceed \$100 per diem;
- (3) enter into contracts with corporations, business firms, institutions, and individuals for the conduct of research and surveys and the preparation of reports;
- (4) appoint, without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive services, such advisory committees as he deems appropriate for the purpose of consultation with and advice to the Secretary. Members of such committees, other than those regularly employed by the Federal Government, while attending meetings of such committees or otherwise serving at the request of the Secretary, may be compensated at rates to be fixed by the Secretary but not exceeding \$100 per day, and while away from home or regular place of business they may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for persons in the Government service employed intermittently. Members of such advisory committees shall, for the purposes of chapter 11, title 18, United States Code, be deemed to be special Government employees; and
- (5) prescribe such rules and regulations as he deems appropriate, and apply such rules and regulations to reasonable classes of corporations, business firms, and individuals.

COOPERATION OF FEDERAL AGENCIES

SEC. 3. (a) The Secretary is authorized to request from any department, agency, or independent instrumentality of the Government any information he deems necessary to carry out his functions under this joint resolution; and each such department, agency, or independent instrumentality is authorized and directed to cooperate with the Secretary and to furnish such information to the Department of Transportation upon request made by the Secretary.

(b) The head of any Federal agency is authorized to detail, on a reimbursable basis, any personnel of such agency to assist in carrying out the duties of the Secretary under this joint resolution.

INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SEC. 4. The President shall appoint an Interagency Advisory Committee on Compensation for Motor Vehicle Accident Losses consisting of the Secretary who shall be Chairman and one representative each of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, Labor, Health, Education, and Welfare, and Housing and Urban Development, the Federal Trade Commission, the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the Securities and Exchange Commission, and such other Federal agencies as are designated by the President. Such members shall, to the extent possible, be persons knowledgeable in the field of compensation for motor vehicle accident losses. The Advisory Committee shall advise the Secretary on the preparation for and the conduct of the study authorized by this joint resolution.