

to understand things that way until you read them yourself, so while we are discussing things, I would urge you to read it because it is very clear-cut in what it seeks. So, Senator Lewis, if you have some comments or recommendations on what you want to do next, we would entertain those.

PRESIDENT: There is about two minutes left, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I have my own light on. Am I next?

PRESIDENT: Yes, you do.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I will just use my own time.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I took the time to read the resolution after it was read yesterday. I read it last night and several things in the resolution caught my attention. One of the first things was the request for subpoena power which is, I think, a rather serious matter. It would lead to believe that we become an investigative committee or this resolution would be calling for an investigative committee and I am not so sure we can do this when we are in session and I would like to cite Rule #3, section #22, which, as I read the rule, says that for the purposes of investigation, no committee shall be established or shall function except during the interim between legislative sessions. Now this is not an interim. This is while we are in session. So I think we are precluded from our own rules or I suspect we are precluded and I certainly would ask an opinion of the Chair as to whether we are precluded by our own rules from even complying with this particular legislative resolution. The second thing that disturbs me is I wonder if we are getting into the purview of another branch of government when we start looking for malfeasance of office and this type of thing. I wonder if maybe we are not getting into an area, and as I understand it, the Legislature can look into malfeasance and misfeasance of office within our own body, and if Senator DeCamp and Senator Lewis suspect that there is malfeasance within the Legislature, then I think probably it would be a proper resolution and the way we should go. But if we are looking for malfeasance or this type of thing into another branch or into subdivisions of government, such as, county officials or whatever, I wonder if we really have the authority under the Constitution to look into this or to get into these other branches or other levels of government. I agree with the intent of the resolution and the fact that we do have a fundamental problem in this state with property tax supporting education, equalization, but I don't think it is the only problem. I think there are many factors that enter into this picture and it seems like this particular resolution may be narrow in that behalf. But in any case, until the rule situation is clarified, until our own authority is clarified, I would be pretty hesitant before I would authorize subpoena power to an investigative legislative committee while we are in session.

PRESIDENT: You have specifically raised the question, then?

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes.