

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1.

JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to the purchase of supplies and employment of labor by state officers and officers of state institutions.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That it is the duty of the state government, as far as practicable, to care for, protect and promote the interest of its own citizens; and that all state officers and all officers of state institutions are hereby instructed in all cases to give preference to citizens of the state of Wisconsin in the purchase of supplies or the employment of labor for the state, or state institutions, whenever such supplies and labor can be obtained within the state upon as favorable terms as elsewhere.

Approved February 4, 1874.

No. 2.

JOINT RESOLUTION instructing our senators and representatives in congress to procure the passage of a law reducing the pay of civil and military officers.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That our senators in congress are instructed, and our representatives there requested, to procure the passage of a law reducing the pay of all civil and military officers of the general government to an amount that shall conform to the duties and labors performed.

Approved February 4, 1874.

No. 3.

JOINT PREAMBLES AND RESOLUTION in relation to encroachments upon the harbor of Superior in the state of Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, It has become apparent that the harbor of Superior is

constantly receiving injury and is likely to be destroyed by reason of the diversion of the current of the St. Louis river from its natural outlet through a canal six miles distant; and

WHEREAS, A dyke which was constructed across the bay of Superior for the avowed purpose of preventing such diversion of the current of the St. Louis, is of no effect toward preventing such diversion; and

WHEREAS, Both canal and dyke are works begun and continued without authority of law, and are injurious to the interest, and subversive of the sovereign franchises of Wisconsin, and are maintained solely in the peculiar interests of Minnesota,

Resolved by the senate the Assembly concurring, That the governor be and he is hereby respectfully requested to vigorously prosecute measures to avert further injury to the harbor of Superior from this cause, and to restore said harbor as far as possible to its natural condition, making use for such objects of so much of the unexpended balance in his hands of appropriations heretofore devoted to those objects as may be necessary.

Approved February 21, 1874.

No. 4.

JOINT RESOLUTION relating to a channel of transportation to eastern and foreign markets.

WHEREAS, The great and rapidly increasing productive interests of the northwest demand cheaper and more adequate means for moving the surplus products, than now exist; and

WHEREAS, The heavy cost of transporting western produce to eastern or foreign markets would be materially lessened by improving our lake navigation, through the construction of ship canals whenever deemed advisable or necessary, so as to admit the easy passage of grain vessels, without breakage of bulk, from lake Michigan to the Atlantic; and

WHEREAS, The west is paying and continuing to pay heavy taxes, wrung from toilsome and oftentimes ill paid labor, receiving in return but a scanty part of the vast annual appropriations; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the state of Wisconsin, through its representatives in Congress, urgently demands such national legislation and action as will best secure to western produce an unobstructed channel of transportation to eastern and foreign markets at reasonable rates.

Resolved, That our senators in Congress be instructed and our representatives requested to lay this subject before Congress at the earliest practicable day, and urge upon that body the vital necessity of taking immediate action in the matter.