

army, navy, and marines of the revolution; the Act of 1901, retiring Charles A. Boutelle, a volunteer officer of the Union navy with the rank and retired pay of captain of the navy; the Acts of 1904, 1906, and 1907, granting increased rank and retired pay to the officers of the regular army and navy, based solely on the ground that they had "served with credit during the civil war;" and the Act of 1905, providing for the retirement of two officers of volunteers, namely, Generals Joseph R. Hawley and P. J. Osterhaus, with rank and retired pay of brigadier-generals.

*Therefore it is further resolved*, That in our opinion the surviving officers of volunteers of the army, navy, and marines and enlisted men who served with credit in the great war for the preservation of the Union are entitled to receive from the national government honors and emoluments equal to those which had heretofore been bestowed upon those who served in time of war in defense of the country.

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[No. 50, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5.

Relating to legislative directories.

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring*, That the chief clerks of the assembly and senate be and they are hereby instructed to have printed 500 copies of the legislative directory bound in leather, and 1,000 additional copies of the preliminary directory as printed for the use of members.

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[No. 46, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6.

Providing that the legislature institute measures leading to repairs of the Portage levee.

WHEREAS, A part of the levee along the north bank of the Wisconsin river at Portage, to-wit:—about 3½ miles of the lower part of such levee, locally known as the "government levee." is in urgent need of immediate repairs, and

WHEREAS, This part of the levee was built by the general government in 1888, and maintained by the general govern-

ment until about 1900, since which time no repairs have been made, and

WHEREAS, It is generally understood that the general government still holds the right of way and has the legal control of this part of the levee, thus preventing, the state, county, or local authorities from repairing or exercising control over the same, and

WHEREAS, These facts were set forth in a report made by a committee of this legislature, which report appears in the journals of senate and assembly under date of June 24th, 1907, and the same facts are now further confirmed by a communication from the state levee commission, consisting of three citizens of Portage acting under state authority, which communication is in part as follows:

"The undersigned state levee commissioners respectfully inform you that the Wisconsin river, since the inspection made by the legislative committee in 1907, has washed off all of the bank for a distance of nearly 300 feet and even slightly undermined the government levee at some places, which make repairs absolutely necessary to prevent a break." Such state commission further says: "We are firm and right in our belief, in which the whole community shares, that the government levee is a necessary protection to the government canal leading from the Wisconsin river to the Fox, as well as the improvements in the Fox river in aid of navigation, both of which works have been done by the general government at large expense, and to protect which this levee was originally built; the damage done to the canal by the levee break of 1900 being in direct support of this contention," and

WHEREAS, Not alone the important government works above mentioned need the protection of this levee, but the safety of several thousand of our citizens who have homes in the district that will be overflowed in case of a break in the government levee, as well as private property valued at several millions of dollars, and to a great extent, all of the cities and villages, the vast manufacturing and farming interests, along the upper Fox river above Lake Winnebago, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the foregoing facts be immediately brought to the attention of the Wisconsin members of Congress, and further

*Resolved*, That the legislature urgently requests that measures be promptly instituted leading to the repair, by the general government, of that part of the Portage levee herein re-

ferred to—such repairs being imperative and conditions will not admit of delay, and further

*Resolved*, That if any question exists as to the legal ownership of the right of way and the right of supervision of this so-called "government levee" that the necessary investigation be made to determine such ownership, but that the needed repairs be not delayed during such investigation.

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[No. 33, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7.

To amend section 21 of article 4 of the constitution, relating to compensation of members of the legislature.

WHEREAS, At the biennial session of the legislature for the year 1907, an amendment to the constitution was proposed and agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment is as follows:

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring*, That section 21 of article IV of the constitution be amended by striking out the word "five," being the twentieth word in the body thereof, and by inserting in lieu thereof the word "ten" so that the same when amended shall read as follows:

Section 21. Each member of the legislature shall receive for his services for and during a regular session the sum of ten hundred dollars, and ten cents for every mile he shall travel in going to and returning from the place of meeting of the legislature on the most usual route. In case of an extra session of the legislature no additional compensation shall be allowed to any member thereof, either directly or indirectly, except for mileage, to be computed at the same rate as for a regular session. No stationery, newspapers, postage or other perquisites, except the salary and mileage above provided shall be received from the state by any member of the legislature for his services or in any other manner as such member; now therefore,

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring*, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution of the state of Wisconsin, be and the same is hereby agreed to by this legislature.