

Randall, now belonging to the state, be set aside as a memorial park to mark the spot where in war time seventy thousand Wisconsin young men and boys gathered to receive their primary training in the service that saved our country from disunion, and that a suitable monument be there erected to commemorate the heroic self-sacrifice of more than ten thousand of those brave young sons of Wisconsin who gave their lives for our country; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That a special joint committee, consisting of two members of the Senate and three of the Assembly, be appointed to confer with the authorities of the Grand Army of the Republic concerning this matter, and, after due consideration of the subject, to report, if it seems advisable to them, a bill providing for such memorial.

[No. 149, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 60.

Memorializing congress of the United States to take such action as may be necessary to compel all interstate railroads to engage directly in the business of carrying and delivering express.

WHEREAS, The present system of carrying on the express business of this country by companies which enter into private contract with railroads for the transportation of goods is an economic waste, in that such system requires and necessitates to a considerable extent duplicate equipment and investment, and, earnings necessary to insure a reasonable return on such duplicate investment, and

WHEREAS, It is one of the paramount functions of both nation and state to enact laws which will compel all businesses affected with a public interest to be so conducted as to afford to the people the best possible service at the lowest possible rate, and

WHEREAS, To compel railroads to engage in the business of carrying and delivering express will obviate the necessity for duplicate investment and duplicate profit now existing, and

WHEREAS, Other countries, with success both economically and financially, have combined the railroad and express business, therefore be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That we respectfully request the congress of the United States to take such action as may be necessary to compel all interstate railroads to engage directly in the business of carrying and delivering express, and be it further

*Resolved*, That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the chief clerks of the two houses of congress and to the United States senators and congressmen from Wisconsin.

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[No. 65, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61.

Memorializing congress to enact a law imposing a suitable license or other fee upon crafts navigating the great lakes and contiguous waters.

WHEREAS, It is impracticable for the several states bordering upon the great lakes and contiguous waters to levy and collect taxes upon the vessels and crafts navigating thereon because of the inability of the several states to enact uniform laws respecting the taxation of such crafts and vessels, and

WHEREAS, The great majority of such vessels and crafts practically escape taxation by any jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, It has thus far been the policy of the federal government to leave the inner harbor improvements to the several states or local political units; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring*, That the congress of the United States be memorialized to enact a law or laws regulating commerce on the great lakes and contiguous waters and imposing a suitable license, registration or other fee on vessels and other crafts engaged in commerce on said waters, the same being commonly designated by the federal government as the northwestern waters, together with all contiguous lakes, rivers, sounds and bayous, and that the federal government improve the inner harbors of the several ports of entry on said waters with the proceeds of said fees.

*Be it further resolved*, That the governor be and he hereby is requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the president of the senate and to the speaker of the house of representatives at Washington, and to each of the senators and representatives in congress for this state.

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[No. 83, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62.

Relating to the accounts of the railroad commission, and to annual reports of the same.

WHEREAS, The railroad commission is unable to readily furnish a statement showing in detail the cost of investigation and regulation of the various classes of public utilities placed within its jurisdiction by the laws of the state, and