

WHEREAS, a temporary adjustment of the causes for said cessation of service in the city of Milwaukee has been reached effective until February 1, 1919, and

WHEREAS, an investigation and adjustment of this matter is sought to be made by a joint committee representing the Association of Commerce of Milwaukee, the railroad commission and representatives of the above company and officials of the city of Milwaukee, hearings by said committee to commence on January 21, 1919, and

WHEREAS, an effective cessation of public utility service extending over a period of time would seriously interfere with the business and life of any community affected thereby, as well as in a more or less degree of the state and the country at large, and

WHEREAS, it can be safely assumed that legislation will be offered at this session concerning the operation of street car service, of public utilities in general and their operation, and the cessation of said service which may occur in the future in this state, and the railroad commission, and in disposing of such legislation it will be well for the legislature to have all information possible on the subject.

*Now, therefore be it resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That a joint committee be appointed by the presiding officer of each house, respectively, to consist of three members of the assembly and two members of the senate, which committee shall attend the above hearings referred to in this matter and gather at any other time during the session such other information in the broadest scope as may be desirable in the premises; that said committee have the power to employ counsel, if necessary, and such clerical assistance as may be needed, and that the members of said committee be paid their actual transportation and hotel expenses while absent from the city of Madison in the performance of their duties; that said committee shall possess all general powers of a duly appointed legislative committee and that it make such report of its work to the legislature as it may deem necessary.

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[Jt. Res. No. 12, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6.

Relating to the death and public services of Honorable  
Norman L. James.

Honorable Norman L. James, manufacturer, business man and agriculturist, died at Richland Center, November 25, 1918.

Mr. James was born in Deerfield, Rockingham County, New

Hampshire, November 29, 1840. He came to Wisconsin in 1855 and settled at Richland Center. He fought in the Civil War with Co. F, 16th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, entering the service in 1861. He participated in the battle of Pittsburg Landing, and was discharged in 1862. Coming back to Richland Center he took an active part in the public life of his state and county. He has been a member of the town and village board and village treasurer; was a member of the Assembly in 1873 and 1875, and a delegate to the republican national convention in 1880; was elected state senator in 1884; and was chairman of the committee on railroads in the 38th session.

Mr. James had been prominent in business circles in Milwaukee and the state for many years. He was a big man mentally and morally. He had strong convictions, the fruit of earnest thinking which in all ways were honest. His contempt of sham and hypocrisy was unflinching.

The interest he took in the agricultural progress of the state of Wisconsin makes his death a personal loss to hundreds of Wisconsin farmers. He was an able and honest adviser and legislator and his death is a distinct loss to the state; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the foregoing memorial be spread upon the journal of each house as a token of respect and sympathy and a copy thereof, suitably engrossed, and duly attested by the signatures of the presiding officers and chief clerks be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

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[Jt. Res. No. 15, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7.

Relating to expenses and salaries of local and district draft boards.

WHEREAS, Statements have been and are being circulated in the public press that the members of the various local and district draft boards in this state were paid in the aggregate large sums of money by the federal government for services and expenses as such members; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring*, That Major Edward A. Fitzpatrick, federal disbursing officer and agent of the United States, be and he is hereby respectfully requested to have furnished to this legislature a detailed and itemized statement of all moneys paid to the various local and district draft boards of this state and also the amount paid to each individual member thereof for salaries and expenses up to and including December 31, 1918.