

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States now provides that members of Congress who are elected in November of even numbered years shall not meet in regular session until December of the year following; and

WHEREAS, In December following each general election, the old Congress convenes in its second regular session, in which there are always many members who are repudiated by the constituents, but who, under the present system, often have it within their power to nullify the wish of the people as expressed in the election; and

WHEREAS, With improvements in transportation there is no longer any good reason why the new Congress, rather than the old Congress, should not convene shortly after the election, now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the legislature of the State of Wisconsin hereby earnestly requests and petitions Congress to adopt and submit to the states the so-called "Norris amendment" to the constitution of the United States for the earlier commencement of the terms of President, Vice-President and members of Congress and for the convening of Congress in January of the year following its election.

*Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution duly attested by the presiding officers and chief clerks of the senate and assembly be forwarded to the presiding officers of both houses of Congress and to the Wisconsin senators and representatives therein.

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[Jt. Res. No. 20, S.]

[Deposited Mar. 6, 1929.]

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### JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing Congress to enact legislation for the development of Muscle Shoals for the benefit of all of the people of the United States instead of turning it over to private companies for their benefit.

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WHEREAS, for some years Congress has been discussing the proper method of utilizing the power of Muscle Shoals, a giant power-producing dam in Alabama upon which over one hundred fifty million dollars has already been spent by this government

and, which, if kept intact by the government and developed, will produce almost unlimited hydro-electric energy which will be of untold benefit to the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, This great natural resource if turned over to a private corporation, would benefit only a limited few and such action would, in effect, represent a donation of millions of dollars of public funds to private interests; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the legislature of the State of Wisconsin does hereby urge Congress not to turn over the project known as Muscle Shoals or any of our power-producing resources, developed or undeveloped, to private enterprise and requests that Congress take immediate steps to develop the Muscle Shoals power project and operate it for the good of the people of the United States so that all may share in its benefits; and be it further

*Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution, properly attested, be sent to the President of the United States and to the presiding officers of both houses and to each Wisconsin member thereof.

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[Jt. Res. No. 52, S.]

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No. 30, 1929.

### JOINT RESOLUTION

Providing for a special joint committee on conservation.

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WHEREAS, The assembly and the senate by Joint Resolution No. 21, A., extended to the legislatures of Michigan and Minnesota and to the committees of these legislatures which have jurisdiction over fish and game legislation, an invitation to join in a conference with corresponding committees of this legislature, to consider the possibility of uniform open and closed seasons in these three states, and

WHEREAS, The legislature of the State of Minnesota has accepted such invitation; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That a special joint committee consisting of the senate committee on state and local government and the assembly committee on conservation is hereby appointed for the purpose of conferring with