

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

gress of the United States to promptly make provisions for the employment by the United States government of all surplus labor; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to United States Senators Blaine and La Follette and to each of the congressmen from the state of Wisconsin.

[Jt. Res. No. 22, S.]

[Deposited Feb. 27, 1931.]

No. 19, 1931.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to preference in state purchases to Wisconsin industries.

WHEREAS, This is a period when thousands of workmen are out of employment in this state, during which Wisconsin industries need all encouragement that can possibly be given them; and

WHEREAS, No preference is now shown in state purchases to articles produced in Wisconsin, a concrete illustration of the present policy being the furnishing of Eagle fountain pens, made in New York City, to the members of the legislature when one of the largest and most reliable fountain pen manufacturers, the Parker Pen company, is located at Janesville in this state; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the director of purchases and every state official having to do with the specifying or buying of material be and is hereby instructed to give preference during the present period of unemployment to Wisconsin made articles in all state purchases.

[Jt. Res. No. 19, S.]

[Deposited March 3, 1931.]

No. 21, 1931.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing the House of Representatives to pass the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the seating of Congress in January following its election.

WHEREAS, Under the present system, the second regular session of each Congress does not begin until a month after the new Congress is elected and the new Congress does not convene until a year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, The present system results in the passage of much important legislation by what are called "lame duck" members who have been defeated for reelection, and in nullifying the wishes of the people; and

WHEREAS, The Senate of the United States has in five successive congresses passed resolutions proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for the seating of Congress in January following its election, only to have the House of Representatives fail to act thereon, and has again passed such a resolution in the present Congress; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That this legislature earnestly requests and petitions the House of Representatives to adopt the resolution already passed by the Senate for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for the seating of the Congress in January of the year following its election. Be it further

Resolved, That properly attested copies of this resolution be sent to the House of Representatives of the United States and to each Wisconsin member of Congress.

[Jt. Res. No. 4, S.]

[Deposited March 5, 1931.]

No. 22, 1931.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing the Congress of the United States to at once make adequate appropriations to give employment to the millions of unemployed workmen of the country.

WHEREAS, By the lowest estimate at least four million workmen are at present unemployed in this country and the true number of the unemployed is probably twice as great; and