

a vote of the majority of the electors voting thereon, such amendment shall become a part of the constitution of this state.

[Jt. Res. No. 34, A.]

[Deposited Apr. 10, 1931.]

No. 59, 1931.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to gifts to the University of Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin is a state institution ; and

WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin was dedicated to a policy of learning which holds that human rights shall always be paramount over property rights: and

WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin, with its old traditions is a story of high ideals in American citizenship, and of unhampered freedom for truth in learning; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 1930, the University Board of Regents authorized the acceptance by the University of money gifts for research from private sources subject to conditions not thoroughly understood; and

WHEREAS, There is an ever present danger that such gifts and donations may color the results of research to the detriment of the general public; and

WHEREAS, Intellectual integrity and academic freedom are jeopardized through the receipt of such conditional money gifts from private sources and the confidence of the people in that institution is thereby lost; and

WHEREAS, The general tax levies upon the people for the support of its state institutions of higher education is not justified if private gift money is permitted to influence the program of learning by modern educational exploitations; and

WHEREAS, The independence of our state University is as vital to the welfare of our people as the independence of our state legislature; and

WHEREAS, The American Association of University Professors in their annual meeting in Washington D. C., in 1930, reported as follows:

“The wise conclusion would seem to be for all our institutions, academic or research, to refrain from soliciting, and to refuse to receive gifts, from any business source, whether public utilities or otherwise, if these funds are destined to support research or other academic activities on any specific question of actual or probably controverted public policy.”

“Where the conflict between private and public interests becomes acute, it is certainly not to the advantage of the University to subject its instructors to either the danger or the suspicion of exposure to influence which may cause them, consciously or unconsciously, to swerve from the path of absolute impartiality and of scientific integrity.” And

WHEREAS, It is the thought of this legislature that the University of Wisconsin shall not be under obligations to any one except to the people of this state, who desire research and scholarship at the University to be unrestrained by either fear or favor; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That this legislature hereby declares the following to be the public policy of this state with reference to gifts to the University:

1. The state welcomes gifts to the University if such gifts stipulate they are to be used for buildings, scholarships, endowments, or loans to students.

2. Gifts may be received for scientific research if such research applies to furthering the knowledge of agriculture and dairying, forestry, horticulture, medicine, chemistry, biology, crime, engineering, business science, education, law, mining, navigation, aviation, transportation, and sanitation, when no condition shall be imposed which in any manner restricts the freedom of research or which places the University under obligations to any individual, corporation, or organizations, or which has any tendency to place the University or any department thereof under the control of any outside person or organization, or which may be designed to promote the sale of any commodities or services.

3. No gifts, money, or any funds whatsoever, shall be accepted, which comes directly or indirectly from any private person, cor-

poration, or group where the research for which the gift is made has any relation whatsoever to any public or governmental policy. Be it further

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That this legislature declares that the regents of the University of Wisconsin are hereby requested to adopt the policy stipulated herein pertaining to the acceptance of gifts at the earliest possible date and that properly attested copies of this joint resolution shall hereby be sent to the secretary of the University Board of Regents, the President of the University, and the Governor of this state.

[Jt. Res. No. 37, A.]

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No. 60, 1931.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the disposition of scattered lands and timber belonging to the normal school fund.

WHEREAS, The swamp lands granted to the state in 1850 (now normal school fund lands) and under the jurisdiction of the commissioners of public lands, and the 1906 grant lands under the jurisdiction of the conservation commission, are scattered in more than a score of counties, usually in small tracts of forty to one hundred sixty acres each; and

WHEREAS, These scattered areas are being rapidly depleted by fire, wind and trespass which are taking the timber from thousands of acres annually, with a probable greater loss in the future; and

WHEREAS, Most of these scattered forties have only ten to twenty-five acres of timber, and this is being hauled away one or two loads at a time by trespassers, which trespassers it would require an army of men to prevent, and if caught such trespassers are usually found to be financially irresponsible; and

WHEREAS, The present chief forester of the United States has said in his annual report for 1928: "Timber cannot be stored indefinitely"; "that decay and ravages of timber-destroying insects are sure to deplete mature and over mature stands"; and that