

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 37, A.]

No. 1.

JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the better protection of fish.

WHEREAS, It is apparent to all thinking men who are in any way connected with the great fishing industries being prosecuted in the waters of our great lakes, that the supply of fish is being rapidly decreased, thereby rendering this very important branch of production less remunerative each year; and

WHEREAS, A large number of citizens of the different states bordering on lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, St. Clair, Erie, and Ontario, are extensively engaged in the taking of fish, and many hundred thousand dollars of capital are invested in fishing tackle; and

WHEREAS, It has become evident to all who have been observers of this industry, that our waters are being rapidly depleted of their natural supply of fish, and labor and capital invested therein are annually becoming less remunerative; and

WHEREAS, We are confident that should the proper restraints be placed upon the present methods adopted by fisherman for the purpose of taking fish, the supply would be rapidly increased, rendering capital and labor invested therein more remunerative to our country; and

WHEREAS, It is an indisputable fact that the use of any net, pound net, or otherwise, whose mesh is less than four inches in length or two inch bar, contributes more largely toward the extermination of fish in our fresh waters than any other device known; therefore be it

Resolved, by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That his excellency, the governor of Wisconsin, be requested, and he is hereby authorized, to confer with the several governors of states bordering upon lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, St. Clair, Erie, and Ontario, for the purpose of procuring the passage of a national law whose object will be for the better protection of fish in the aforesaid lakes.

Approved February 21, 1878.