

[Jt. Res. No. 18, A.]

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No. 13, 1933.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Urging the President of the United States and the national administration to take immediate action on the dairy situation.

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is the leading dairy state in the Union; and

WHEREAS, Economic recovery in Wisconsin is dependent upon the rehabilitation of the dairy industry; and

WHEREAS, In the program for national recovery, the dairy industry has not been benefited as have other industries; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That this legislature respectfully requests the President of the United States and the national administration to take immediate action for the rehabilitation of the dairy industry in Wisconsin and other states by establishing an emergency dairy department or directing the federal farm board to give immediate attention to the dairy problems or removing the obstacles that prevent the dairy marketing corporation from carrying out the purposes for which it is created or taking such other emergency action as will have for its object the stabilization and rehabilitation of the dairy industry. Be it further

Resolved, That properly attested copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, to Honorable Henry A. Wallace, secretary of agriculture, and to each representative and United States senator from Wisconsin in the congress of the United States.

[Jt. Res. No. 31, A.]

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to immediate relief for the dairy farmers.

WHEREAS, The dairy farmers appear to have been largely forgotten in the program of the national administration for economic reconstruction, which has accomplished so many beneficial results for all other economic groups; and

WHEREAS, The one measure which gave promise of directly increasing dairy prices, the program announced in August for the purchase of surplus dairy products and their distribution through relief channels, was discontinued last week; and

WHEREAS, The wholesale price of butter declined last week from twenty-three cents to sixteen cents per pound and the price of American cheese from ten and one-half cents to eight cents; and

WHEREAS, This great decrease in butter and cheese prices and the existing surpluses of dairy products spell complete ruin for the dairy farmers and will cause intense suffering in this and all other dairy states; and

WHEREAS, The situation can be saved only through an immediate increase in dairy prices, which can be brought about only through prompt action of the federal government; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature of Wisconsin respectfully urges the national administration to take immediate action to raise dairy prices and expresses its approval of the following program which the state administration has suggested for accomplishing this purpose:

1. The immediate removal of enough butter and cheese from the markets to absorb the present surplus and distribution of this surplus through relief channels. If sufficient funds for this purpose cannot be made available under existing legislation, the incoming Congress should make an immediate additional appropriation.

2. The immediate restriction of the production of dairy substitutes through a quota system or otherwise and the prevention of the importation of dairy products as long as dairy prices in this country are below the cost of production.

3. As the most effective way for overcoming the overproduction of dairy products, the appropriation of one hundred million dollars by Congress for the eradication of cattle affected with tuberculosis or Bang's disease.

4. The adoption of an effective plan to prevent lands withdrawn from crop production under the government's plan of acreage reduction from being utilized for pasturage or otherwise for the increase of dairy production. Be it further

Resolved, That properly attested copies of this resolution be transmitted to President Roosevelt and Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.