

Resolved further, That this resolution be spread upon the journals of both houses, and that an attested copy of the same be transmitted to the family of the deceased under the official signature and seal of the Secretary of State.

[No. 11. S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3.

In relation to immigration.

WHEREAS, A bill has been introduced in the senate of the United States by Hon. William E. Chandler, a senator from the state of New Hampshire, to totally prohibit the landing of immigrants in the United States for a period of one year after the first of March next, the main reason assigned for this proposed legislation being that it is necessary to protect the public health from cholera, and

WHEREAS, Such prohibition of immigration would be unjust and opposed to the best interests of the state of Wisconsin, whose traditional policy has always been that of welcoming to its borders all persons, irrespective of nationality or creed, who were industrious, willing and able to work, and

WHEREAS, The great development of the agricultural and industrial interests of the state of Wisconsin is in a large degree due to the thrift, industry and progressive spirit of a desirable class of immigrants who have settled within this state, and

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of this legislature that cholera and other diseases can be successfully kept out of this country by means less obnoxious than the total prohibition of immigration; therefore,

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring: That we earnestly protest against the passage by congress of the so-called Chandler bill, or any other measure tending to prohibit the coming to this country of immigrants, other than paupers, idiots, insane persons, persons under contract to perform labor, persons afflicted with contagious diseases, or criminals. Be it further,

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, properly attested, be sent to our senators and representatives in congress, and that they be requested to use every honorable effort to prevent the passage of any measure that will prevent the landing of desirable immigrants.