

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring,* That we respectfully solicit the congress of the United States asking for the enactment of legislation creating a national highways commission, and making an appropriation for aiding in the improvement and maintenance of the public roads at the present session of congress, so that the policy of federal co-operation in the work of road improvement can be inaugurated at the earliest possible date.

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[No. 32, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44.

To amend section 3 of article XI of the constitution, relating to municipal corporations and their indebtedness.

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring,* That section 3 of article XI of the constitution be amended to read:

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the legislature, and they are hereby empowered, to provide for the organization of cities and incorporated villages, and to restrict their power of taxation, assessment, borrowing money, contracting debts, and loaning their credit, so as to prevent abuses in assessments and taxation, and in contracting debts by such municipal corporations. No county, city, town, village, school district, or other municipal corporation shall be allowed to become indebted in any manner or for any purpose to any amount, including existing indebtedness, in the aggregate exceeding five per centum on the value of the taxable property therein, to be ascertained by the last assessment for state and county taxes previous to the incurring of such indebtedness. Any county, city, town, village, school district, or other municipal corporation incurring any indebtedness as aforesaid, shall, before or at the time of doing so, provide for the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof within twenty years from the time of contracting the same; *except that when such indebtedness is incurred in the acquisition of lands by cities, or by counties having a population of 150,000 or over, for public, municipal purposes, or for the permanent improvement thereof, the city or county incurring the same shall, before or at the time of so doing, provide for the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient*

*to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof within a period not exceeding fifty years from the time of contracting the same.*

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[No. 49, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45.

Memorializing congress to enact a law providing for physical valuation of railroads.

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the congress of the United States be requested to enact a law providing for the physical valuation of all railroad property to form the basis for fixing the rates and charges for service by railroads*

*Resolved, That the secretary of state is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the president of the United States and to each member of the congress thereof.*

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[No. 77, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46.

To authorize the Governor to set aside a certain sum of money to maintain a Wisconsin headquarters at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle, Washington.

WHEREAS, The legislature has made no provision for any representation of our State's resources at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, soon to open in the city of Seattle, Washington, it would appear that, for the accommodation of the many Wisconsin people who will attend such Exposition, there should be provided and maintained a headquarters where citizens and former citizens may assemble during the continuance of the said exposition, therefore be it

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and requested to set aside and use for the purpose of maintaining a Wisconsin headquarters at such Exposition a reasonable sum not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of the Governor's unexpended contingent fund for the years 1907 and 1908.*

*Resolved, That the expenditure authorized by this resolution*