

[No. 5, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24.

To provide for the appointment of a joint committee of the legislature to investigate the subject of "Social Insurance."

WHEREAS, The important subject of "Social Insurance" including insurance against occupational diseases and sickness is now before the public with an urgent demand for legislation providing this form of insurance; and

WHEREAS, The subject is one of great importance to all classes of citizens as well as to the state itself; and

WHEREAS, Many of the leading thinkers and organizations of this country have in the past and are now giving serious thought and study to the subject without harmony of view as to the proper scope of legislation or method of administration; and

WHEREAS, The conditions in this state are materially different from conditions in many of our sister states in which the subject has been discussed and studied; and

WHEREAS, Remedies which may be practical in another state may not be practical when applied to conditions existing in the state of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, It would be impractical for the legislature or any committee thereof to give to said subject the consideration and attention that its importance demands during the present session of the legislature; now, therefore, to the end that said subject may be thoroughly investigated as to the necessity thereof, and the wisdom of legislation thereon may be determined, as well as the most feasible and practical method of accomplishing the sought for ends

Be it resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That a committee consisting of three assemblymen and two senators be appointed in the manner that standing joint committees are appointed, to thoroughly investigate the subject of "Social Insurance," including insurance against occupational diseases and sickness, as to the necessity as well as the wisdom of legislation upon this subject, and, in the event of such committee determining that legislation upon this subject is justified, that it prepare a bill or bills covering the said subject.

Be it further resolved, That the mention of any line of inquiry herein shall not in any way limit the field of investigation which said committee is empowered to make and which it may deem expedient in connection with the subject matter assigned to it for consideration; that the said committee by a majority vote of the members thereof is hereby vested with plenary power

to perform and discharge the duties by this resolution enjoined; that any member of said committee shall have power to administer oaths to persons appearing before such committee; that the said committee shall have power to employ such stenographers, clerks, assistants, and experts as it may deem necessary and expedient for the proper discharge of the duties hereby assigned to it, and to fix the compensation of such persons as it shall employ.

Be it further resolved, That each member of the said committee shall be reimbursed by the state for his actual necessary expenses, but shall receive no compensation for time devoted to the work of such committee.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of the report of such committee, together with any bill or bills framed by it, shall be sent to each member of the next legislature at least thirty days before the convening of the next regular session of the legislature.

Be it further resolved, That the said committee shall hold such meetings at such times and places as it shall deem most expedient in the discharge of the duties hereby imposed.

[No. 73, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25.

Relating to the distribution of safety first literature to applicants for automobile licenses.

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the secretary of state be and he is hereby authorized and directed to mail to each and every person who has received for the year 1918 or who may hereafter receive for said year a motor vehicle license as provided by law, a printed copy of the following "Word of Caution to Motorists," for and in behalf of the safety of life, limb and property.

A WORD OF CAUTION TO
MOTORISTS

With a rapidly increasing number of automobiles coming into use, it cannot be too strongly emphasized that caution should be observed by drivers when approaching grade crossings over which railway trains run. Daily reports show accidents that could have been averted had the driver of the motor car stopped, looked and listened before attempting to cross ahead of the approaching train.