

vacant, but the county shall never be made responsible for the acts of the sheriff. The governor may remove any officer in this section mentioned, giving to such a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity of being heard in his defense. All vacancies shall be filled by appointment and the person appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold only for the unexpired portion of the term to which he shall be appointed and until his successor shall be elected and qualified.

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[Jt. Res. No. 48, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39.

Providing for an investigation of the state historical society by a committee of the legislature.

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That a committee of five to consist of two senators and three assemblymen be appointed to make an investigation of the management and affairs of the state historical society and report to the legislature.

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[Jt. Res. No. 25, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40.

Relating to relinquishment of federal control of the telephone systems.

WHEREAS, The telephone industry is essentially a local business and ninety per cent of telephone toll transactions are carried on and completed within a radius of thirty-five miles of the local exchange; and

WHEREAS, There are in Wisconsin a large number of telephone plants owned, controlled and operated by local interest; and

WHEREAS, The results of government operation of the telephones have been to deny to the public in many localities adequate telephone service and to work hardship to many telephone users and to hamper the telephone companies of Wisconsin by unnecessary restrictions which have produced a loss of revenue and which have engendered lack of confidence on the part of the public in the telephone business and have produced great confusion in the operation of telephones; and

WHEREAS, It appears to be the present plan and policy of the federal government to seek authority to continue federal operation of the telephones, which continued federal operation, we believe, will result in the entire elimination from the field of the independent telephone companies of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, If any actual occasion ever did in fact exist for