

[Jt. Res. No. 45, A.]

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No. 51, 1931.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing the Governor of California to pardon Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings.

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WHEREAS, Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings, labor leaders of San Francisco, were in 1916 sentenced to life imprisonment in the California penitentiary for murder, in connection with the explosion of a bomb during a Preparedness Day parade; and

WHEREAS, All of the witnesses upon whose testimony these two labor leaders were convicted have since either repudiated their testimony or have been proven perjurers, wholly unworthy of belief; and

WHEREAS, Judge Griffin, the trial judge, has denounced the methods employed to convict Mooney as "the dirtiest job ever put over" in any court; the Attorney General of California urged a retrial of the case in 1917; a special commission of inquiry appointed by President Wilson in 1918 denounced the trial as a "frame-up"; Duncan Matheson, the head of the police department at the time of the Preparedness Day parade, urges a pardon; Matthew Brady, the district attorney of San Francisco county, declares that both Mooney and Billings were convicted on perjured testimony; Charles Goff, captain of police at the time of trial, active in the prosecution, also has called the trial and conviction a "frame-up"; James Brennan, active prosecutor in the trial, urges the release of both men; William V. MacNevin, foreman of the jury which convicted Mooney, has made a special plea to the Governor for release; and every other living juror who voted for conviction has appealed to the Governor to grant an unconditional pardon to Mooney; and

WHEREAS, In spite of this record, which aligns practically everyone who had anything to do with the trial in favor of an unconditional pardon, both of these men are still in prison; and

WHEREAS, This case is a reproach to American justice and is regarded by workingmen throughout the country and abroad as a

demonstration that powerful corporate interests can manipulate justice to their own ends; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* that both houses of the legislature of Wisconsin hereby respectfully memorialize the Governor of California to grant a prompt and unconditional pardon to both Mooney and Billings; and be it further

*Resolved,* That properly attested copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Rolph, and to Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings.

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[Jt. Res. No. 6, S.]

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No. 52, 1931.

### JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend Section 5 of Article V of the constitution, relating to the compensation of the governor, so as to in effect repeal the said section, and to submit this amendment to vote of the people at the general election of November 1932.

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WHEREAS, At the biennial session of the legislature for the year 1929, an amendment to the constitution was proposed and agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment is as follows:

“(Article V) Section 5. \* \* \*”; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the foregoing amendment to the constitution of the state of Wisconsin be and the same is hereby agreed to by this legislature. Be it further

*Resolved,* That the foregoing proposed amendment be submitted to vote of the people at the general election in November, 1932, and if the people shall approve and ratify the said amendment by a vote of the majority of the electors voting thereon, such amendment shall become a part of the constitution of this state. Be it further

*Resolved,* That the question on the ratification of said amendment shall be stated on the ballot as follows: “Shall Section 5