

[Jt. Res. No. 23, A.]

[Deposited Feb. 14, 1933.]

No. 21, 1933.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing Congress for higher tariff on dairy products.

WHEREAS, The United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics has listed the following figures for imports of dairy products into the United States for the year ending June 30, 1932;

Total value of all dairy imports into the United States	\$14,293,000.00
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Amounts of dairy imports into the United States	
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Butter	1,838,000 lbs.
Casein or lactarine	1,904,000 lbs.
Swiss cheese	13,568,000 lbs.
Other cheese	43,667,000 lbs.
Condensed and evaporated milk and cream	1,470,000 lbs.
Dried malted milk	818,000 lbs.
Cream	118,000 lbs.
Milk	280,000 lbs.

WHEREAS, Thousands of farmers in various sections of the United States depend mostly on dairying for a living; and

WHEREAS, It is evident from the above figures that farmers in other countries come in to the United States and take away the market of the American farmer, thereby forcing the farmers in the United States to consume that which they produce themselves, or to seek a market outside of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The present tariff on dairy products is no longer as effective as it was before many European countries abandoned the gold standard, with a consequent premium on American money in practically all European nations; and

WHEREAS, Importers claim that the European farmer can lay down his butter on the New York market and receive only three cents a pound for it, and still receive a larger return than he would obtain by the sale of this butter at home; and

WHEREAS, This butter made in Europe, and paid for at the rate of three cents a pound in the money of the United States, can be sold in New York for twenty cents a pound; and

WHEREAS, To overcome the cheap production from abroad and prevent the European farmer from selling his dairy products

in the United States, in ruinous competition with the American farmer; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That the legislature of the state of Wisconsin hereby respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to place a higher tariff on dairy products, in order to protect the American farmer against foreign competition, Be it further

*Resolved,* That properly attested copies of this resolution be transmitted to both houses of Congress of the United States and to each Wisconsin member thereof.

[Jt. Res. No. 5, S.]

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No. 22, 1933.

### JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to an investigation of the department of agriculture and markets.

WHEREAS, The department of agriculture and markets was created to protect and advance the interests of the farmers of this state, and this department now expends about one million dollars per year for its various activities; and

WHEREAS, Despite this large expenditure, the department of agriculture and markets has failed to give satisfaction to many of the farmers of the state and has the active opposition of several of the leading farm organizations; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That a special joint committee be constituted to investigate the functioning of the department of agriculture and markets and to make recommendations to this legislature upon needed changes in the organization of this department and in the laws under which it operates. The said committee shall consist of three senators and four assemblymen, who shall be appointed as are standing committees in the respective houses.

The said committee shall inquire whether the department of agriculture and markets is intelligently and efficiently serving the best interests of the farmers of this state and is specifically directed to investigate the principal complaints which have been made by farmers and farm organizations against this department or any of the divisions thereof. It may investigate the work done by this department in all of the fields in which it operates and