

[No. 52, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26.

Petitioning Congress for the establishment of a permanent, non-partisan, expert tariff commission.

WHEREAS, For many years the tariff has been the subject of political contention which has led to periodical upheaval and uncertainty in the commercial activities of the nation, that it has not always been adjusted in manner to best promote and protect the industrial interest as a whole, and has too often been dealt with as a purely political question without giving full consideration to the grave economic principles involved in the same.

WHEREAS, A study of the methods under which other great commercial nations of the world are handling these subjects leads to the conclusion that the United States must call into its service in the near future the aid of a trained body of men to enable us to meet intelligently the various perplexing questions arising out of the general adoption of maximum and minimum tariffs by several of our strongest competitors for the world's trade, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That we respectfully memorialize the congress of the United States to speedily enact such legislation as will create a permanent, non-partisan tariff commission with semi-judicial functions, such as the power to summon witnesses, which shall make an unbiased investigation of the operation of our customs duties, regulation, and classification; hear complaints; study domestic and foreign market conditions; and report to the Executive and to Congress from time to time such modifications as in their judgment may safely and properly be made in the interests of the general welfare.

[No. 67, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27.

Upon the public service and death of J. H. Foster.

J. H. Foster passed away at the city of Berlin on August 11th, 1907, at the age of 82 years. He was born at Ware, Hampshire County, Mass., in 1827, and came to Wisconsin

when he was about twenty years of age, settling in the town of Nepeuskun, Winnebago County. He was an earnest worker in state affairs and gave a great deal of his time to furthering the state's interests. In 1858 he was elected register of deeds of Winnebago County, which office he held for two terms. He served as a member of the Assembly during the years 1869 and 1870, and as a member of the Senate during 1871 and 1872. For sixteen years he acted as deputy railroad commissioner, and his services to the state during this period were of great value. Now, therefore, be it

Further Resolved, By this joint session that a suitably engrossed copy of these resolutions be conveyed to the widow of the deceased, attested by the signatures of the president and chief clerk of the Senate and by the speaker and chief clerk of the Assembly.

Unanimously adopted by the Wisconsin Legislature in joint session, April 28th, 1909.

[No. 81, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28.

Relating to investigation of stock exchanges.

WHEREAS, The recent wheat deal has again demonstrated to the American people that even the bread supply of our land is at the mercy of speculators, and

WHEREAS, The recent panic has demonstrated that it is unwise and unsafe for our country to allow the control of our great commercial and industrial conditions to exist in the hands of stock gamblers without check of any kind, and

WHEREAS, It is of interest to all citizens to know the means by which the huge combine of money in Wall Street can be manipulated and it is also the interest of the welfare of all the people that the white light of publicity should be thrown upon the stock exchange business in general. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring. That we request our delegation in congress to use every effort to bring about the thorough investigation of stock exchange business in this country and that a most rigorous and searching investigation be at once instituted of the methods of buying and selling in these exchanges, their relation with the banking system and the great financial interests, and be it further