

ments or briefs, delivered to each member of the legislature, and that before such arguments should be delivered by such paid lobbyists twenty-five copies thereof, should be deposited with the secretary of state, and

WHEREAS, It appears that up to and including the 15th day of March, 1911, during the present session, 275 registrations as lobbyists or legislative counsel and agents have been recorded in the office of the secretary of state as required by law, and that the only publications of arguments delivered or proposed to be delivered before committees to be filed with such official, were three pamphlets on pure food laws, two pamphlets on the Kenosha Electric Railway Company and four pamphlets on the excise law, and

WHEREAS, The law is being openly and notoriously violated by the failure to file such pamphlets and further by the personal importunities and solicitations of lobbyists or legislative counsel and agents with members, contrary to the statutes, and

WHEREAS, The scandalous boast has been frequently repeated that certain lobbyists or legislative counsel and agents have been enabled to secure the passage of legislation because of their superior personal acquaintance with members of this legislature, and

WHEREAS, Such boast and insinuation is unwarranted, unjustified and is an insult to the members of this legislature, therefore be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring.* That a committee of two members of the senate and three of the assembly be appointed to investigate the facts in reference to the illegal and unauthorized activities of said registered lobbyists or legislative counsel and agents and of all persons not registered, attempting directly or indirectly to improperly influence members of the legislature and report to each house without delay, in order that the members of the legislature may be relieved from the further personal importunities of said lobbyists and agents and other persons, and be it further

*Resolved,* That said committee be and they are hereby empowered to subpoena witnesses and to demand the production of books, papers and other documents.

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[No. 100, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14.

Upon the death of Honorable William B. Bartlett.

WHEREAS, This legislature learns with sorrow that the Honorable William B. Bartlett, of Chippewa county, upon the 24th day

of March, 1911, passed over into the undiscovered country from which there is no return, it is therefore fitting that those who now sit in this legislature should pause for a moment to express appreciation of his character. William B. Bartlett has for fifty years been a resident of the state, serving it well in public office, but serving it no less faithfully in private life. He served the state with credit in the legislature nearly thirty years ago in the session of 1882, and again in the session of 1903 came to the assembly from Chippewa county. In public and private life he was a man of irreproachable integrity and of absolute sincerity, fighting fairly as a foe, and supporting firmly as a friend. He was a man who not only had attainments which commanded respect, but one who also possessed personal attributes which won warm affection. Therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That it is the sentiment of this legislature that in the death of William B. Bartlett the state has lost a respected citizen and one who has been a valued public servant, and that those who were fortunate enough to know him personally have lost a loyal friend; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this expression of appreciation be suitably engrossed and a copy, properly attested by the legislative officers, be conveyed to the family of the deceased.

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[No. 101, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15.

Referring to memorial exercises for former members of the legislature, now deceased.

In order that appropriate exercises may be held in memory of former members of the legislature who have been called by death during the past two years,

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That the president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly be, and they are hereby, constituted a special joint memorial committee, and authorized to make arrangements for suitable exercises to be held at a time and place to be fixed by said committee.

*Resolved, further,* That all members of the senate and of the assembly desiring to introduce memorial resolutions be requested to present them on or before Saturday, April 8th.