

[No. 104, A.]

## JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37.

To amend article XI of the constitution, by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 3b, relating to the acquisition of land by municipalities.

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That article XI of the constitution be amended by adding a new section thereto, to be known as section 3b to read: 3b. When private property shall be or has been taken for public use by a municipal corporation, additional adjoining or neighboring property may be taken, under conditions to be prescribed by the legislature by general law. Property thus taken shall be deemed to be taken for public use.

[No. 132, A.]

## JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38.

Providing for a committee to make selection of photographic group pictures of the senate and of the assembly of the 1911 legislature for placing in the state historical library.

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That a committee be appointed, consisting of three members of the senate and three members of the assembly, to make selection of suitable photographic group pictures of the senate and of the assembly of the 1911 legislature, for placing in the state historical library, and to report to the legislature a proper bill for carrying the purpose of this resolution into effect.

[No. 120, A.]

## JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39.

Memorializing congress to cause all dams owned by the United States and maintained in and across the Fox river to be equipped with fishways.

WHEREAS, The public right of fishing in the Fox river, between the cities of De Pere and Oshkosh, Wisconsin, has been practically destroyed by the placing of dams unequipped with fishways in said river, and

WHEREAS, The United States government owns, controls and maintains a number of such dams in and across said river; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That the congress of the United States be respectfully requested to cause all dams owned and controlled by the United States, and maintained in and across the Fox river in Wisconsin, to be equipped with

adequate fishways for the free ascent and descent of fish; and, be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the United States senators and congressmen from the state of Wisconsin and to the chief clerks of the two houses of congress.

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[No. 130, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40.

Pertaining to the subject of the insurance of property against fire and other risks.

WHEREAS, During the five-year period prior to 1910, there was paid by the citizens of this state to licensed fire insurance companies over forty-two-million dollars against less than nineteen million dollars repaid for losses, and the percentage of premiums so returned in losses was a little less than forty-five per cent of the premiums, leaving the excess of premiums over losses over twenty-three million dollars; and

WHEREAS, A comparison with the preceding five-year period, and other years back to the year 1870, shows an increasing percentage in the excess of premiums over losses; and that the average ratio of losses to premiums from 1870 to 1908, inclusive, was slightly less than fifty per cent; that the forty-four per cent during the last five-year period is increased by the exceptionally heavy losses during the year 1910, but includes losses during 1909 and 1908, which are in excess of any preceding year; and

WHEREAS, The foregoing figures and the information available, seems to indicate that the business of fire insurance is conducted at an increasingly excessive expense, and great economic loss to the citizens of this state, and it is urged that the rates charged are in many instances discriminatory and may be generally excessive; that the operation of the local boards of underwriters provided for by law has not been in the direction of reducing the rates; that the rates generally used by companies are generally uniform and made by individual raters; that in several cases such boards of underwriters have made rates above those recommended to companies by individual raters; and

WHEREAS, It is charged that a large association of companies makes contracts, discriminating in the payment of commissions to agents who represent only companies belonging to such association, and agents who also represent companies not belonging to such association; and that a like association recently formed is making like discriminations; and that commissions are unequal, discriminatory and excessive, and range from fifteen per cent to