

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

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[No. 65, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61.

Memorializing congress to enact a law imposing a suitable license or other fee upon crafts navigating the great lakes and contiguous waters.

WHEREAS, It is impracticable for the several states bordering upon the great lakes and contiguous waters to levy and collect taxes upon the vessels and crafts navigating thereon because of the inability of the several states to enact uniform laws respecting the taxation of such crafts and vessels, and

WHEREAS, The great majority of such vessels and crafts practically escape taxation by any jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, It has thus far been the policy of the federal government to leave the inner harbor improvements to the several states or local political units: therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring*, That the congress of the United States be memorialized to enact a law or laws regulating commerce on the great lakes and contiguous waters and imposing a suitable license, registration or other fee on vessels and other crafts engaged in commerce on said waters, the same being commonly designated by the federal government as the northwestern waters, together with all contiguous lakes, rivers, sounds and bayous, and that the federal government improve the inner harbors of the several ports of entry on said waters with the proceeds of said fees.

*Be it further resolved*, That the governor be and he hereby is requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the president of the senate and to the speaker of the house of representatives at Washington, and to each of the senators and representatives in congress for this state.

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[No. 83, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62.

Relating to the accounts of the railroad commission, and the annual reports of the same.

WHEREAS, The railroad commission is unable to readily furnish a statement showing in detail the cost of investigation and regulation of the various classes of public utilities placed within its jurisdiction by the laws of the state, and