

[Jt. Res. No. 2, A.]

No. 4, 1925.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing congress to protest against the surrender of Muscle Shoals to private interests.

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WHEREAS, The public welfare demands that the natural resources of the nation be owned, developed and operated for the benefit of the nation collectively, so that the people shall receive the services and products thereof at cost, as against turning over those resources to private corporations to operate them for profit and thereby exploit the people of our country through the ever-increasing rates and prices and through speculation and high finance, as has resulted from the private ownership of railroads and other quasi-public service enterprises;

WHEREAS, There is at present pending in congress the project known as Muscle Shoals in Alabama, a giant power-producing dam, with almost unlimited undeveloped power for the production of hydro-electric energy for fertilizer, electricity, etc., for cities and farmers alike, on which \$150,000,000 has already been spent, and which, if kept intact by the government and developed for service, will help to reduce the price of current to the people of the United States; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* To memorialize congress to protest against turning over the project known as the Muscle Shoals or any other power-producing resources, developed or undeveloped, to private enterprise, joining with other forces of social progress in requesting that congress take immediate steps to develop the Muscle Shoals power project and to operate it for the benefit of the people of the United States by distributing its products at cost.

*Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution, properly attested, be sent to the president of the United States and to the presiding officers of both houses of congress and to each Wisconsin member thereof.