

poration, or group where the research for which the gift is made has any relation whatsoever to any public or governmental policy. Be it further

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That this legislature declares that the regents of the University of Wisconsin are hereby requested to adopt the policy stipulated herein pertaining to the acceptance of gifts at the earliest possible date and that properly attested copies of this joint resolution shall hereby be sent to the secretary of the University Board of Regents, the President of the University, and the Governor of this state.

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[Jt. Res. No. 37, A.]

[Deposited Apr. 10, 1931.]

No. 60, 1931.

### JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the disposition of scattered lands and timber belonging to the normal school fund.

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WHEREAS, The swamp lands granted to the state in 1850 (now normal school fund lands) and under the jurisdiction of the commissioners of public lands, and the 1906 grant lands under the jurisdiction of the conservation commission, are scattered in more than a score of counties, usually in small tracts of forty to one hundred sixty acres each; and

WHEREAS, These scattered areas are being rapidly depleted by fire, wind and trespass which are taking the timber from thousands of acres annually, with a probable greater loss in the future; and

WHEREAS, Most of these scattered forties have only ten to twenty-five acres of timber, and this is being hauled away one or two loads at a time by trespassers, which trespassers it would require an army of men to prevent, and if caught such trespassers are usually found to be financially irresponsible; and

WHEREAS, The present chief forester of the United States has said in his annual report for 1928: "Timber cannot be stored indefinitely"; "that decay and ravages of timber-destroying insects are sure to deplete mature and over mature stands"; and that

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“mature stands which cover the larger portion of the national forests are in many cases not even holding their own, but are actually going backward”; and

WHEREAS, In the case of *State ex rel. Owen vs. Donald* (160 Wis. 21) the Supreme court said (with reference to the normal school lands): “The primary purpose should, and fundamentally must be, to produce money for the school fund”; and

WHEREAS, The forestry board of 1912 and 1913 represented to the secretary of the interior that thousands of acres of the grant of 1906, were (in the language of the grant) “by reason of their isolation not available for forest reserve purposes” and received permission to sell them and use the returns as provided in the grant; and

WHEREAS, The timber on both classes of lands is rapidly disappearing through fire, winds and trespass with great loss to the state and the school fund; therefore be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That the conservation commission and the commissioners of public lands be advised that it is the opinion of both houses of the legislature that the scattered lands or timber or both, be converted into cash and covered into the appropriate funds. Be it further

*Resolved,* That properly attested copies of this resolution be transmitted to the conservation commission and the commissioners of public lands.

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No. 61, 1931.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to a special committee on the manufacture of farm machinery in the state prison.

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WHEREAS, It is common knowledge that the manufacture of many lines of farm machinery is controlled by a trust which has artificially kept up the prices of this machinery and during the