stead act so as to legalize the manufacture and sale of beer even before the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Such legislation would give employment directly to many thousands of workmen now unemployed and would benefit all legitimate industries and, thus, prove a stimulus to the return of prosperity; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature of Wisconsin respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to promptly pass an amendment to the constitution repealing the Eighteenth Amendment, and also to enact legislation modifying the Volstead act to legalize the manufacture and sale of beer; be it further

Resolved, That properly attested copies of this resolution be sent to both houses of the Congress of the United States and to each Wisconsin member thereof.

[Jt. Res. No. 10, S.]   [Deposited Feb. 7, 1933.]

No. 15, 1933.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Regarding legislation to secure the farmers their cost of production.

WHEREAS, The present position of agriculture is the worst it has been in the entire history of the country; farm prices are at the lowest in generations and are still tending downward; dairy products were in December, 1932, twenty-three points below December, 1931; at least one-fourth of all farmers are delinquent in the payment of interest or taxes; and most serious discontent is developing in rural districts, which threatens the safety of government and society itself; and

WHEREAS, The crux of the entire problem lies in the price realized for dairy and other farm products, since manifestly the farmers can not meet interest and taxes and continue to support their families unless they are paid a price for their products which gives them their cost of production; and

WHEREAS, No single state can cope with this problem alone, since competition in the sale of farm products is nation-wide and to some extent worldwide; while the federal government through its control of interstate commerce, foreign affairs and customs

duties can affect the entire country and at least materially influence world conditions; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the Legislature of Wisconsin respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to guarantee to farmers a price for their products which will give them their minimum cost of production, and expresses its opinion that no other measures of farm relief will prove adequate. While it is no doubt necessary also to refinance the farmers at a low rate of interest, such a measure will not alone solve the problem, since it will still leave the farmers with a great burden of debt which they must ultimately repay through the proceeds from the sale of their products. Still other measures may be helpful, but a solution of the farm problem can be attained only through securing farmers their minimum cost of production. Be it further

Resolved, That properly attested copies of this resolution be transmitted to both houses of the Congress of the United States and to each Wisconsin member thereof. A copy of this resolution shall also be transmitted to the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, President-elect of the United States, to whom the farmers of this state and the entire country are hopefully looking for leadership in solving the farm problem.

[Jt. Res. No. 17, S.] [Deposited Feb. 7, 1933.]

No. 16, 1933.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to federal aid for owners of mortgaged farms and homesteads.

WHEREAS, There is now pending in Congress a bill appropriating and setting apart a special fund with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the purpose of aiding farmers and homeowners who are in financial distress and unable to repay the mortgages on such farms and homesteads; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin respectfully memorializes and urges the Congress of the United States to pass such bill or some other bill which will aid farmers and homeowners to retain their farms and homes; and be it further