

Jt. Res. No. 23, A.]

[Deposited April 10, 1947.

No. 25, 1947.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the creation of a special joint legislative committee to make recommendations so as to prevent fire hazards at the state institutions and to study hotel safety legislation and enforcement and to report its recommendations to this session of the legislature.

WHEREAS, Disastrous hotel fires in recent months in Chicago, Atlanta and Dubuque have resulted in the loss of many lives in what were purported to be fireproof structures; and

WHEREAS, In the case of each of these fires it appeared that safety regulations for the construction and operation of hotels were either nonexistent, inadequate or were not enforced; and

WHEREAS, Most of our state institutions are old, highly inflammable structures without adequate firefighting equipment and escape facilities in case of fire; and

WHEREAS, Many unfortunate inmates in state institutions because of inadequate facilities are required to be mechanically restrained and thereby rendered helpless also of self-aid in case of fire; and

WHEREAS, It is the ardent desire of every member of the legislature to prevent, if humanly possible, the occurrence of any such disaster in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that immediate steps be taken by new construction and other means to render our state institutions modern and as safe from fire as possible; and

WHEREAS, It is deemed advisable to study state law regulating the construction and operation of hotels in the purview of these recent hotel disasters to ascertain whether or not such law regulating the construction and operation of hotels and the enforcement thereof is adequate; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That a special joint legislative committee be created, consisting of 2 senators and 3 assemblymen appointed as are standing committees in the respective houses, to inspect state institutions, to make reports on fire hazards found to exist and to make recommendations in connection therewith, and to study and recommend to

this legislature at the earliest date possible legislation deemed necessary or desirable to guard against the occurrence of a disastrous hotel fire in Wisconsin. Said committee in making such inspection and study, and in preparing its recommendations shall consult the state department of public welfare, the industrial commission, the state fire marshal and such other individuals, groups and agencies as may be deemed advisable and may make such inspections of institutions and hotels throughout the state as it shall deem necessary. All state and local agencies shall co-operate with the committee upon request. The committee shall report to this session and may attach to its report drafts of such bills as it may prepare to carry out its recommendations.

Jt. Res. No. 33, S.]

[Deposited April 16, 1947.

No. 28, 1947.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Congratulating the University of Wisconsin basketball team upon winning the undisputed Big Nine championship.

WHEREAS, As a fitting and glorious climax to a season of unprecedented thrills in Big Nine conference basketball annals, in which it won no less than 3 conference games and lost another by a single point, the University of Wisconsin's sensational basketball team in a brilliant performance crowned with an amazing burst of action defeated a powerful and determined Purdue team 72 to 60 in the last and crucial game, winning the undisputed Big Nine conference championship; and

WHEREAS, Coach Harold "Bud" Foster's victorious squad, which at the beginning of the season was granted only a slight chance in conference title consideration, has in its spectacular showings demonstrated exceptional balance, poise, shooting ability, staying qualities and, above all, a rare determination to win; and

WHEREAS, These seldom co-existing attributes and the dauntless courage and wholesome spirit of the team have won for it great admiration from an appreciative public; and

WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin basketball team under the able guidance of Coach Foster, by its sparkling achievement,