Jt. Res. No. 72, A.]

[Deposited September 5, 1947.

No. 69, 1947.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing the Congress of the United States in the interest of public welfare to investigate the advisability of continuing certain agricultural programs, services and aids heretofore financed and administered by the federal government.

Whereas, The Congress of the United States in an effort to reduce government expenditures has deemed it advisable to cut out certain bureaus and eliminate wasteful and extravagant practices, including subsidies, doles and paternalism; and

Whereas, Congress is to be congratulated for its endeavor to decrease governmental expenditures and thereby relieve the burden of heavy taxes on the people of this nation; and

Whereas, There are certain existing programs including reforestation, soil conservation, and the school lunch program which are now being administered by the secretary of agriculture which have been exceedingly beneficial to the rural areas and have improved and conserved our soil, increased farm production, replenished our forest crops and soil, including the establishment of better agricultural practices and improved health among our farm families and school children all of which have contributed much to our national well-being and to the successful prosecution of the recent war; and

Whereas, Agricultural production during the war years has taken from our soil vast amounts of soil fertility which must be replaced if we are to provide sufficient and adequate food and forest products to meet our demands; and

Whereas, The school lunch program has provided more adequate nutrition for our school children and has increased the market for farm products including dairy products; and

Whereas, It is the desire of this legislature in expressing the sentiment of the majority of the citizens in the state of Wisconsin, to see agriculture and the people of the rural areas prosper and the nation's soil, forest products, and other natural resources conserved; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the

Congress of the United States be requested to re-examine the agricultural program and perpetuate and continue such portions thereof as it deems essential in the best interests of our nation's welfare consistent with the policy of economy and the recognition of the rights of the states to conduct their own affairs without the interference of the federal government; be it further

Resolved, That duly attested copies of this resolution be transmitted to each house of Congress and to each Wisconsin member thereof.

Jt. Res. No. 84, A.]

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No. 71, 1947.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting the state board and department of public welfare to proceed with fireproofing, improving and constructing facilities for care of the mentally ill and the employment of additional personnel.

WHEREAS, The state board of public welfare and the state department of public welfare have been granted appropriations for institutions to care for the mentally ill by the 1943 and 1945 legislatures; namely \$1,000,000 for fireproofing and improvements and \$5,750,000 for new construction and equipment by Chapter 577, Laws of 1943, and \$4,600,000 for new construction by Chapter 373, Laws of 1945; and

WHEREAS, The 1947 legislature has appropriated to the state department of public welfare \$691,000 for the next biennium for additional personnel with increased levels for all salary classi-

fications; and

WHEREAS, The physical facilities for the care and treatment of the mentally ill have received public criticism because of the inactivity of the public welfare board and department in formulating plans and policies for early construction, repair and improvement of its institutions; and

WHEREAS, Treatment of patients in state institutions has likewise received public criticism because of the lack of policy in formulating an active humane and more efficient treatment, and