

Resolved, That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the chief clerks of the two houses of congress and to the United States senators and congressmen from Wisconsin.

[No. 65, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61.

Memorializing congress to enact a law imposing a suitable license or other fee upon crafts navigating the great lakes and contiguous waters.

WHEREAS, It is impracticable for the several states bordering upon the great lakes and contiguous waters to levy and collect taxes upon the vessels and crafts navigating thereon because of the inability of the several states to enact uniform laws respecting the taxation of such crafts and vessels, and

WHEREAS, The great majority of such vessels and crafts practically escape taxation by any jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, It has thus far been the policy of the federal government to leave the inner harbor improvements to the several states or local political units: therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the congress of the United States be memorialized to enact a law or laws regulating commerce on the great lakes and contiguous waters and imposing a suitable license, registration or other fee on vessels and other crafts engaged in commerce on said waters, the same being commonly designated by the federal government as the northwestern waters, together with all contiguous lakes, rivers, sounds and bayous, and that the federal government improve the inner harbors of the several ports of entry on said waters with the proceeds of said fees.

Be it further resolved, That the governor be and he hereby is requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the president of the senate and to the speaker of the house of representatives at Washington, and to each of the senators and representatives in congress for this state.

[No. 83, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62.

Relating to the accounts of the railroad commission, and the annual reports of the same.

WHEREAS, The railroad commission is unable to readily furnish a statement showing in detail the cost of investigation and regulation of the various classes of public utilities placed within its jurisdiction by the laws of the state, and

WHEREAS, It is of importance that the people should know the cost of the work being done by said commission, in such a way as to enable them to form a judgment as to the relation of said cost to the importance of the work, and

WHEREAS, The railroad commission is hereby authorized to employ competent accountants and fix the compensation of the same; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the railroad commission be and the same is hereby instructed and requested to prepare, from and after June 30, 1911, and include in their biennial report, a statement showing the expenditures of said commission up to the time of its last previous report, which statement shall specify and classify the amounts expended in connection with the work of said commission so that it may be easily ascertained what the expenditures have been on any class of utility, municipal or otherwise, privately owned or publicly owned; and

Be it further resolved, That each biennial report of the said commission shall contain a similar report and statement for the years covered by said report.

[No. 135, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 63.

Memorializing congress to initiate or participate in a general world-wide movement through The Hague tribunal or otherwise, for international peace and general disarmament and the international policing of the high seas.

WHEREAS, During the last two-year period, in a time of profound peace, our federal government expended for military and naval purposes over five hundred and fifty-five million dollars.

Wisconsin's share of this enormous expenditure, on the basis of population, exceeds fourteen million dollars, and by reason of the high economic, industrial and social development of this state, its contribution undoubtedly far exceeds the above amount.

The total amount of taxes levied directly by this state, during the two-year period, was less than two million dollars, and the total of income and of disbursements of this state for all general purposes was less than thirteen million dollars.

The people of Wisconsin, therefore, pay for the military and naval expenditures of the federal government more than seven times the amount paid in taxes to the state, and a sum far in excess of the receipts or of the disbursements of the state.

This enormous expenditure for war purposes does not include any part of the expenditure during the same period of over