

[Jt. Res. No. 99, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33.

Requesting the United States senators and congressmen from this state to investigate and ascertain certain claims of this state under the swamp land acts against the United States and to report thereon.

WHEREAS, Under an act of congress entitled "An act to enable the state of Arkansas and other states to reclaim the swamp lands within their limits," approved September 28, 1850, and under an act of congress entitled "An act for relief of purchasers and locators of swamp and overflowed lands," approved March 2, 1855, or under other acts the United States made certain grants of land to this state to aid in the reclamation of swamp lands, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to said acts, patents of a part of such land so granted were issued to this state, and

WHEREAS, Under such acts, Wisconsin is still entitled to more than one hundred thousand acres of the lands so granted and for which no patents have been issued to this state, and

WHEREAS, The probable value of such lands is in excess of one million dollars and no effort has been made for many years to secure or settle the claims of this state arising under such acts, and

WHEREAS, To safeguard the rights of the state of Wisconsin under the swamp land acts, immediate action should be taken to secure or compromise all unsettled claims of this state arising thereunder; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the United States senators and congressmen from this state be and are hereby respectfully requested to investigate and ascertain what claims the state of Wisconsin has against the United States arising out of such acts for which no patents have been issued or for which no settlement has been made. That the said United States senators and congressmen from this state be respectfully requested to report thereon to the next regular session of the legislature for the year 1917. Be it further

*Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution, properly attested by the presiding officers and chief clerks of both houses, be forwarded to the United States senators and congressmen from this state.