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JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation for the expenditure of moneys appropriated by the federal government for Indian relief through state agencies.

WHEREAS, Many of the Indians in this state are in dire distress at this time, being at the starvation point and dying in large numbers from preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, The federal government makes large appropriations for the relief of the Indians, their education, health work, the promotion of agriculture among them, and like purposes, but little of this money appears ever to reach the Indians; and

WHEREAS, Bills are now pending in Congress providing that the moneys appropriated by the federal government for the benefit of the Indians in the several states should be expended through the state agencies, which bills have the endorsement of Secretary of the Interior Wilbur; and

WHEREAS, The Indians are the original Americans and their distress is a reproach to the white man's civilization and should not be allowed to continue; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That this legislature respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to pass legislation before the close of the present Congress to give the states control over the care of the Indians within their borders and making available to them all federal moneys appropriated for Indian welfare. Be it further

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