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JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing Congress to temporarily reduce or cancel the fees payable under the naturalization laws.

WHEREAS, Many persons in Wisconsin, as well as in other states, who desire to become citizens of the United States, are unable to take the necessary steps for naturalization at this time because of inability to pay the fees and expenses prescribed by the naturalization laws; and

WHEREAS, There are a large number of cases where declarations of intention have already been filed and the prescribed periods of validity for filing petitions for citizenship will have expired before recovery from unemployment; and many cases of persons unable to pay the required fees and expenses for filing a declaration of intention; and

WHEREAS, The policy of the federal and state governments generally to relax, modify, or suspend normal requirements in favor of persons handicapped in the present economic emergency should be applied at least temporarily to those seeking naturalization; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That this Legislature respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to amend the naturalization laws by reducing or cancelling all naturalization fees and expenses until July 1, 1935, so that persons who are otherwise qualified but who, under the present economic conditions, are unable to pay the prescribed fees and expenses, may proceed with naturalization; also to so extend any prescribed periods of validity which have expired since July 1, 1933, that no naturalization rights will be lost or delayed since said date. Be it further

Resolved, That suitably attested copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States and to each member of Congress from this state.