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JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation establishing a thirty-hour week and a living wage.

WHEREAS, Unemployment, not only during the economic depression, but in normal times, has become a serious problem; and

WHEREAS, Economic prosperity in a land of plenty can not be accomplished when millions of men and women are out of employment, many of whom are compelled to live on public and private charity; and

WHEREAS, These millions of our unemployed people are ready and able and eager to work but can not secure the opportunity to do so, while millions of others are working long hours; and

WHEREAS, The economic depression has clearly established that in order to distribute labor among the many, and increase the purchasing power of the working people, legislation establishing a shorter week and a living wage is necessary; and

WHEREAS, A thirty-hour week would put millions of our unemployed people back to work, and assurance of a living wage would develop buying power among the great mass of our people; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That this Legislature respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to enact legislation providing for a thirty hour week and establishing a living wage for the workers of this country in accordance with findings made from time to time by the United States Department of Labor. Be it further

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