

## State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



## **2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5**

January 21, 2011 – Introduced by Senators Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, Miller, Darling and Taylor, cosponsored by Representatives J. Fitzgerald, Suder, Barca, Vos and Grigsby. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	<b>Relating to:</b> commemorating the first centennial of the joint committee on finance,
2	and honoring members of the legislature who served on the committee.
3	Whereas, Governor Francis E. McGovern signed Senate Bill 8 into law on
4	March 2, 1911, creating the joint committee on finance; and
5	Whereas, the joint committee on finance is the longest-serving continuing
6	standing committee of the legislature; and
7	Whereas, the origin of the committee dates back nearly to statehood, when the
8	joint committee on claims was established in 1857 to consider appropriations bills;
9	and
10	Whereas, the joint committee on finance is the only joint legislative standing
11	committee of any state in the nation that is charged with the responsibility of
12	reviewing both revenues and appropriations; and
13	Whereas, the joint committee on finance has reviewed and acted on bills
14	affecting state finances for the last century; and

1	whereas, Chapter 97, Laws of 1929, provided for a biennial executive budget
2	bill which has applied to all legislative sessions since 1931; and
3	Whereas, since 1931 the joint committee on finance has acted on 62 biennial
4	budget and budget adjustment bills; and
5	Whereas, beginning with Senator Albert W. Sanborn in the 1911 legislative
6	session, 33 senators have served as co-chair of the joint committee on finance; and
7	Whereas, beginning with Representative Ray J. Nye in the 1911 legislative
8	session, 35 representatives have served as co-chair of the joint committee on finance;
9	and
10	Whereas, beginning with the 1911 legislative session, 341 members of the
11	legislature have served on the joint committee on finance; and
12	Whereas, on March 2, 2011, former and current members of the joint committee
13	on finance will assemble at the state capitol to commemorate the first centennial of
14	the joint committee on finance; now, therefore, be it
15	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature of
16	the state of Wisconsin, in commemoration of the first centennial of the joint
17	committee on finance, pays tribute to the contributions of the committee to the
18	Wisconsin legislature and the people of Wisconsin; and, be it further
19	Resolved, That these contributions could not have been made but for the
20	dedication of the members of the joint committee on finance who served during the
21	last century.
22	(END)