

constantly receiving injury and is likely to be destroyed by reason of the diversion of the current of the St. Louis river from its natural outlet through a canal six miles distant; and

WHEREAS, A dyke which was constructed across the bay of Superior for the avowed purpose of preventing such diversion of the current of the St. Louis, is of no effect toward preventing such diversion; and

WHEREAS, Both canal and dyke are works begun and continued without authority of law, and are injurious to the interest, and subversive of the sovereign franchises of Wisconsin, and are maintained solely in the peculiar interests of Minnesota,

*Resolved by the senate the Assembly concurring,* That the governor be and he is hereby respectfully requested to vigorously prosecute measures to avert further injury to the harbor of Superior from this cause, and to restore said harbor as far as possible to its natural condition, making use for such objects of so much of the unexpended balance in his hands of appropriations heretofore devoted to those objects as may be necessary.

Approved February 21, 1874.

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#### No. 4.

JOINT RESOLUTION relating to a channel of transportation to eastern and foreign markets.

WHEREAS, The great and rapidly increasing productive interests of the northwest demand cheaper and more adequate means for moving the surplus products, than now exist; and

WHEREAS, The heavy cost of transporting western produce to eastern or foreign markets would be materially lessened by improving our lake navigation, through the construction of ship canals whenever deemed advisable or necessary, so as to admit the easy passage of grain vessels, without breakage of bulk, from lake Michigan to the Atlantic; and

WHEREAS, The west is paying and continuing to pay heavy taxes, wrung from toilsome and oftentimes ill paid labor, receiving in return but a scanty part of the vast annual appropriations; now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the state of Wisconsin, through its representatives in Congress, urgently demands such national legislation and action as will best secure to western produce an unobstructed channel of transportation to eastern and foreign markets at reasonable rates.

*Resolved,* That our senators in Congress be instructed and our representatives requested to lay this subject before Congress at the earliest practicable day, and urge upon that body the vital necessity of taking immediate action in the matter.

*Resolved*, That upon the passage of these resolutions, the governor be requested to promptly transmit a copy thereof to each of our senators and representatives.

Approved March 4, 1874.

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No. 5.

JOINT RESOLUTION providing for biennial sessions of the legislature and compensation of members.

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring*, That section four of article four of the constitution of this state be amended so as read as follows: Section 4. The members of assembly shall be chosen biennially by single districts, on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of November, by the qualified electors of the several districts; such districts to be bounded by county, precinct, town or ward lines, to consist of contiguous territory, and be in as compact form as practicable.

That section five of article four of the constitution of this state be amended so as to read as follows: Section 5. The senators shall be elected by single districts of convenient contiguous territory, at the same time and in the same manner as members of the assembly are required to be chosen, and no assembly district shall be divided in the formation of a senate district. The senate districts shall be numbered in the regular series, and the senators shall be chosen alternately from the odd and even numbered districts. The senators chosen next after the adoption of this amendment, shall go out of office at the expiration of the third year, and all senators shall thereafter be chosen for a term of four years.

That section eleven of article four of the constitution of this state be amended so as to read as follows: Section 11. The legislature shall meet at the seat of government at such time as shall be provided by law once in two years, and no oftener unless convened by the governor.

That section twenty-one of article four of the constitution of this state be amended so as to read as follows: Section 21. Each member of the legislature shall receive for his services for and during a regular session, the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350), and ten cents for every mile he shall travel in going to and returning from the place of the meeting of the legislature on the most usual route. In case of an extra session of the legislature no additional compensation shall be allowed to any member thereof, either directly or indirectly.

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