

[No. 31, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6.

Relating to the overflow of Lake Winnebago and the Fox River.

Requesting the governor and attorney general to confer with the government of the United States relative to the overflow occasioned by the dams at the outlets of Lake Winnebago and the unprecedented rainfalls of 1881. In case it becomes necessary that the attorney general take such proceedings in the premises as he may be advised are reasonable and proper

Resolved, by the senate the assembly concurring, that the governor and the attorney general be and are hereby requested to advise and confer with the general government relative to the overflow, occasioned by the dams at the outlets of Lake Winnebago, and to endeavor to induce the government of the United States to take such reasonable action in the premises, as will abate such overflow and prevent in the future, injury to the property around Lake Winnebago, and along the Fox river. The governor and attorney general are requested to confer with the parties directly interested in the matter, to ascertain whether a satisfactory arrangement or agreement can be made whereby the height at which the waters in Lake Winnebago, shall hereafter be maintained, can be determined. And in case the general government declines to take any action, or in case no amicable arrangement can be made by the governor and attorney general, with the parties, that the attorney general may in his discretion take such steps or begin such proceedings in behalf of the state, as he shall be advised are proper, to ascertain whether or no the dams, or either of them, at the outlets of Lake Winnebago, raise the water in Lake Winnebago above its ordinary level, and if so, by what means and authorities the parties owning or maintaining such dams or either of them, at the outlets of Lake Winnebago do maintain them, or either of them, and whether or not, at a height warranted by law or by charter, and to compel the parties owning or maintaining such dams, to comply with the law and the provisions of their charters; provided, that no such actions or proceedings shall be begun until a good and sufficient bond shall be executed by responsible parties with sufficient sureties, conditioned to indemnify and save harmless the state from all expenses, costs and damages by reason of such actions or proceedings, which bond shall be approved by the governor.