

[No. 32, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23.

WHEREAS, The legislature of the state of Minnesota has authorized the appointment of commissioners on the part of said state, and respectfully requested the legislature of the state of Wisconsin to authorize the appointment of similar commissioners of the state of Minnesota, respecting a change in the boundary line between the two states; and

WHEREAS, The change in boundary line suggested in the petition, if adopted, would deprive the state of Wisconsin of her most important and valuable harbor on Lake Superior, thus placing a prospective great commercial center of the northwest just without the limits of the state; and

WHEREAS, The question to be submitted to the commissioners relates solely to the granting of a portion of the territory of the state of Wisconsin to the state of Minnesota, and believing it is inexpedient and undesirable to cede any portion of the state of Wisconsin to the state of Minnesota, and most especially a portion of so great commercial value to the state; therefore be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That we cannot entertain a proposition which seems to us so detrimental to the interests of the whole state, and especially disadvantageous to our commercial prosperity, and therefore must respectfully decline to authorize the appointment of commissioners to treat upon the question thus restricted, the question submitted being so specific that it precludes the discussion of the general question of a change of boundary, and does not provide for a report of the conclusions reached by said commissioners to the legislatures of their respective states.

Resolved, That the secretary of state is hereby instructed to transmit forthwith to the governor of the state of Minnesota, a certified copy of these resolutions.

 [No. 34, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That permission be granted to Senator Wechselberg to introduce a bill to amend section 4559, chapter 185, of the revised statutes, entitled, "Of offenses against public property."