

[No. 52, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26.

Petitioning Congress for the establishment of a permanent, non-partisan, expert tariff commission.

WHEREAS, For many years the tariff has been the subject of political contention which has led to periodical upheaval and uncertainty in the commercial activities of the nation, that it has not always been adjusted in manner to best promote and protect the industrial interest as a whole, and has too often been dealt with as a purely political question without giving full consideration to the grave economic principles involved in the same.

WHEREAS, A study of the methods under which other great commercial nations of the world are handling these subjects leads to the conclusion that the United States must call into its service in the near future the aid of a trained body of men to enable us to meet intelligently the various perplexing questions arising out of the general adoption of maximum and minimum tariffs by several of our strongest competitors for the world's trade, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That we respectfully memorialize the congress of the United States to speedily enact such legislation as will create a permanent, non-partisan tariff commission with semi-judicial functions, such as the power to summon witnesses, which shall make an unbiased investigation of the operation of our customs duties, regulation, and classification; hear complaints; study domestic and foreign market conditions; and report to the Executive and to Congress from time to time such modifications as in their judgment may safely and properly be made in the interests of the general welfare.

[No. 67, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27.

Upon the public service and death of J. H. Foster.

J. H. Foster passed away at the city of Berlin on August 11th, 1907, at the age of 82 years. He was born at Ware, Hampshire County, Mass., in 1827, and came to Wisconsin