

at least one of said actions involving all questions, including the right to the retention of the fees for the valuation of policies;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the governor is authorized and directed to take such steps in relation to the carrying out of the purposes of this and the aforesaid resolution and to prosecute such actions and enforce such claims as authorized by law as may be necessary and proper for the purpose.

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[No. 78, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50.

Relating to the printing and distribution to schools of a map showing roads and geological formations of the State.

WHEREAS, The geological and natural history survey has prepared and is now having engraved a wall map of the state showing all the roads and the geological formations of the state in addition to the counties, cities, villages, railroads, drainage, and other usual features of a map, which map will be of much educational value to the schools of the state; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the commissioners of public printing are directed to have a sufficient number of such maps printed and properly mounted to supply one copy to each public school in the state and to supply this number of maps to the superintendent of public instruction for distribution.

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[No. 69, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51.

Relating to the preservation of the trees in the capitol park.

WHEREAS, The trees in the grounds surrounding the capitol have for many years given the park a distinction over the more artificial and less beautiful grounds of other state houses, and their loss would deprive the park of its natural beauty and distinction and rob it of its traditional appearances and associations, and

WHEREAS, It is rumored that the capitol building commission is contemplating the removal of every tree in order better to reveal the new building and better present the handiwork of architect and artisan, and

WHEREAS, The traditions of the State of Wisconsin connected both with the capitol park and with the state at large would be violated by the destruction of trees and the substitution of artificial for natural beauty; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the capitol building commission be requested to preserve the trees

now standing in the capitol park to the greatest number possible, and to that end to mould their plans for the future, and if necessary to modify those plans already formed.

[No. 73. S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 52.

Relating to the preparation of a bill to correct existing deficiencies in the tax laws of this state, and instructing the joint committee on finance to recommend legislation granting relief to the citizens.

WHEREAS, There is now a law on the statute books providing for the taxation of credits, which law is continually evaded by owners of such credits; and

WHEREAS, The members of the state tax commission, as well as other officials throughout the state responsible for the enforcement of the existing laws relating to taxation, have declared themselves as being opposed to the taxation of credits, and have failed to enforce the said law, to the grievous hardship and unjust burdening of owners of property other than credits; and

WHEREAS, The state tax commission in the year 1907, as shown by its published report for the year 1909 on pages 61 and 62, assessed for state tax property in the form of credits in amounts enormously in excess of the amount of such property which was listed by the local assessors, such unjust difference in assessment having to be borne by the owners of visible property in Dane county to the amount of three million dollars; in Dodge county to the amount of two million dollars; in Fond du Lac county to the amount of two million dollars; in Green county to the amount of eight hundred thousand dollars; in Jefferson county to the amount of one million five hundred thousand dollars; in Outagamie county over two million dollars; in Racine county to the amount of two million dollars; in Rock county to the amount of two million four hundred thousand dollars; in Sauk county, about one million dollars; in Sheboygan county to the amount of two million dollars; in Waukesha county to the amount of one million two hundred thousand dollars; in Winnebago county to the amount of two million five hundred thousand dollars; and in Milwaukee county to the amount of thirteen million dollars; and amounting in the whole state to a total of fifty-three million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Legislation introduced in this and previous sessions of the legislature looking to the correction of the existing defects has been rejected; and

WHEREAS, It is known that in the city of Milwaukee alone property has escaped taxation which would, if assessed accord-