

[No. 57, S.]

## JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71.

A joint resolution to amend section 1, article XII of the constitution, providing for the submission of amendments to the constitution by the legislature upon a three-fifths vote of the members elected.

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That section 1 of article XII of the constitution be amended to read:

Section 1. Any amendment or amendments to this constitution may be proposed in either house of the legislature, and if the same shall be agreed to by *three-fifths* of the members elected to each of the two houses, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be entered on their journals, with the yeas and nays taken thereon, \* \* \* *the same shall be published for three months before the next general election and shall be submitted to the qualified electors at such election; and if the people shall approve and ratify such amendment or amendments by a majority of the electors voting thereon, such amendment or amendments shall become a part of the constitution; provided that if more than one amendment be submitted, they shall be submitted in such manner that the people may vote for or against such amendments separately.*

[No. 53, S.]

## JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 72.

A joint resolution appointing a committee to confer with the committee from the legislature of the state of Minnesota, heretofore appointed, relative to settlement of boundary line dispute between the state of Minnesota and the state of Wisconsin, and matters incident thereto, and to submit recommendations in regard thereto.

WHEREAS, a controversy has arisen and exists between the state of Minnesota and state of Wisconsin with reference to the boundary line between said states where the same runs through, that part of the Mississippi river known as Lake Pepin, and

WHEREAS, a similar controversy has arisen and exists between said states with reference to the waters near the mouth of the St. Louis river, and

WHEREAS, the controversy as to said Lake Pepin involves the jurisdiction of the said respective states over the rights of fishery in said Lake Pepin, and

WHEREAS, a suit has been instituted by the state of Minnesota against the state of Wisconsin in the United States Sup-

reme Court to fix and determine the boundary line between said states where the same extends through said lake, and

WHEREAS, it is desired that pending the determination of said suit in said supreme court the laws regulating the taking of fish in said lake should be uniform in the said states, and that if made uniform, the enforcement of the law in each of said states in the waters of said lake will be greatly simplified, and retaliatory prosecutions avoided, and

WHEREAS, it has also been suggested that the boundary disputes aforesaid may be adjusted and settled by a convention between said states to be ratified by the federal government, and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the state of Minnesota has appointed a committee of two members from the senate and three members from the assembly to consider said matters.

*Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That there be, and there is hereby created a joint committee consisting of two members of the senate to be appointed by the presiding officers of the senate, and three members of the assembly, consisting of the speaker of the assembly and two other members thereof to be appointed by the speaker, and which committee shall act in the premises aforesaid with the committee from the state of Minnesota and report to the legislature any proposed settlement of the location of said boundary at the places above mentioned, together with their recommendations thereon; and also to report any proposed legislation which may be agreed on between said committees providing for uniform laws in each of said states regulating and licensing the taking of fish from the waters of said Lake Pepin.

*Resolved Further,* That said committee have power to summon witnesses, compel the production of books and papers, and take testimony in relation to the matters hereinbefore specified, and that such committee report their doings hereunder, and recommendations, to the present session of the legislature at as early a date as possible. And each member of said committee shall be reimbursed by the state for his actual necessary expenses in the performance of the duties herein enjoined.

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota has made certain claims in reference to the boundary existing between that state and the state of Wisconsin along the Mississippi river, and particularly that part thereof known as Lake Pepin, which claims are unsupported in law or in fact, and based upon such claims the said state of Minnesota has entered upon waters belonging to the state of Wisconsin and there seized persons, citizens of and licensed by this state to fish upon such waters, and has taken

and seized property of such persons and removed such persons and property into the state of Minnesota under claim of arrest and confiscation, and

WHEREAS, other and further arrests and like acts are threatened by the state of Minnesota, therefore be it

*Resolved, by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the attorney general be and he is hereby directed to defend by all proper means in any and all actions and proceedings any citizen or licensee of this state who shall under any such circumstances be seized or molested or whose property shall be taken by the officers, agents or other authorities of the state of Minnesota and to take all necessary steps to prevent any such further acts and to fully protect the citizens and licensees of this state against any such or other unlawful acts on the part of the said state of Minnesota, its officers, agents or other authorities.

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[No. 31, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 73.

To create section 3a, of article XI, of the constitution, relating to powers of cities and villages.

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That there be added after section 3, of article XI, of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin, a new section to read: (Article XI) 3a. Cities and villages shall have power and authority to amend their charters, and to frame and adopt new charters, and to enact all laws and ordinances relating to their municipal affairs, subject to the constitution and general laws of the state.

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[No. 36, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 74.

To amend section 1, of article IV of the constitution, to give to the people the power to propose laws and to enact or reject the same at the polls, and to approve or reject at the polls any act of the legislature; and to create section 3, of article XII of the constitution, providing for the submission of amendments to the constitution upon the petition of the people.

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That section 1, of article IV of the constitution, be amended to read:

SECTION 1. 1. The legislative power shall be vested in a senate and assembly, *but the people reserve to themselves power, as herein provided, to propose laws and to enact or reject the same at the polls, independent of the legislature, and to approve*