

vacant, but the county shall never be made responsible for the acts of the sheriff. The governor may remove any officer in this section mentioned, giving to such a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity of being heard in his defense. All vacancies shall be filled by appointment and the person appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold only for the unexpired portion of the term to which he shall be appointed and until his successor shall be elected and qualified.

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[Jt. Res. No. 48, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39.

Providing for an investigation of the state historical society by a committee of the legislature.

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That a committee of five to consist of two senators and three assemblymen be appointed to make an investigation of the management and affairs of the state historical society and report to the legislature.

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[Jt. Res. No. 25, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40.

Relating to relinquishment of federal control of the telephone systems.

WHEREAS, The telephone industry is essentially a local business and ninety per cent of telephone toll transactions are carried on and completed within a radius of thirty-five miles of the local exchange; and

WHEREAS, There are in Wisconsin a large number of telephone plants owned, controlled and operated by local interest; and

WHEREAS, The results of government operation of the telephones have been to deny to the public in many localities adequate telephone service and to work hardship to many telephone users and to hamper the telephone companies of Wisconsin by unnecessary restrictions which have produced a loss of revenue and which have engendered lack of confidence on the part of the public in the telephone business and have produced great confusion in the operation of telephones; and

WHEREAS, It appears to be the present plan and policy of the federal government to seek authority to continue federal operation of the telephones, which continued federal operation, we believe, will result in the entire elimination from the field of the independent telephone companies of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, If any actual occasion ever did in fact exist for

the taking over of the telephones by the federal government, such occasion by reason of the practical cessation of war operations has now become non-existent; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That we request the congress to take the necessary steps to bring about the immediate relinquishment of all control of the telephone systems by the federal government, and for the restoration of the status which existed in the telephone business prior to July 16, 1918, and be it further

*Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the president of the United States, to Albert Burleson, director of telephones and telegraphs, to John A. Moon, chairman of the post-office committee, and to the senators and representatives from Wisconsin.

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[Jt. Res. No. 39, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41.

Memorializing the congress of the United States to refund insurance premiums paid by soldiers, sailors and marines under the Soldiers and Sailors Insurance Act during the war and to permit such soldiers, sailors and marines to continue such insurance after discharge.

WHEREAS, Congress has provided a plan of insurance for soldiers, sailors and marines under "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to authorize the establishment of a bureau of War-Risk Insurance in the Treasury Department,' " approved October 6, 1917; and

WHEREAS, Such insurance was planned to care for the dependents of soldiers, sailors and marines by insurance in place of by pensions; and

WHEREAS, The cost of such insurance except the expense of administration and excess mortality and disability is borne by the enlisted men themselves; and

WHEREAS, The entire financial burdens of every activity connected with the war, including the obligations resulting from casualties, should be borne by all the people, rather than by the soldiers, sailors and marines alone who have already done their great share of carrying such burdens; and

WHEREAS, Such insurance was provided to take the place of pensions to care for the soldiers, sailors and marines and their dependents, policies of insurance issued thereunder should be continued at the option of such soldiers, sailors and marines. Therefore, be it