

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

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That the congress of the United States be and is hereby respectfully memorialized to provide for the refunding to soldiers, sailors and marines all amounts paid by them as premiums for such war risk insurance prior to their being mustered out and to provide or continue the policy of maintaining such insurance after being mustered out as term insurance with the option of converting the same into any of the usual forms to be carried by the soldier, sailor or marine. Be it further

*Resolved,* That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the chief clerk of the assembly to the president of the senate and to the speaker of the house of representatives, and also to the representatives from this state in the congress of the United States.

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[Jt. Res. No. 69, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42.

Requesting the secretary of war to grant priority to the discharge of men on agricultural grounds.

WHEREAS, It is recognized that production on the farms of this state and of the nation must be carried on at its maximum; and

WHEREAS, The season is almost at hand for spring work when the farmers need all the help that it is possible to obtain to assure a full crop; and

WHEREAS, Many of the men usually employed in farm work either on their own farms or on the farms of fathers or others, are still in the military service of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The release of the men at the earliest date possible would assure a full crop and a plentiful supply of foodstuffs. Therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That the Hon. Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, be respectfully requested to issue an order to all camp commanders in the United States granting priority to the discharge of all men in the military service on individual applications on grounds of agricultural claims.

*Resolved further,* That a copy of this resolution duly attested be sent to the Hon. Newton D. Baker.