

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, properly engrossed and authenticated, be forwarded to the president of the United States, to the secretary of state of the United States, to the presiding officers of both houses of congress, and to each of the United States senators and representatives from Wisconsin.

[Jt. Res. No. 58, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42, A.

Relating to traffic on the Mississippi River.

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That in view of the proposed revival of traffic on the Mississippi river the state engineer be instructed to make a study of wharfage conditions along the Wisconsin shore of the river, and that he prepare plans for facilities for handling the prospective traffic.

[Jt. Res. No. 53, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43, A.

Relating to the restoration of package freight boats on the
Great Lakes.

WHEREAS, During the World's War most of the package freight boats then in service on the Great Lakes were taken therefrom and utilized in war work; and

WHEREAS, It is reported that none of such boats have been restored to service on the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, It is conceded that one of the chief causes of business depression is the burdensome freight rates charged by railroads; and

WHEREAS, Section 8567 of the federal statutes prevents progressive and economic co-operation, regulation and operation by railroads of commerce on the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that the restoration of package freight boats to service on the Great Lakes would give to the people of Wisconsin a very large measure of relief from present transportation conditions; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the congress of the United States be respectfully memorialized to enact all necessary legislation for the immediate restoration of package freight boats on the Great Lakes and to amend said section 8567

so as to permit all railroads to co-operate in the management, control and operation of reduction in freight rates and the progress of commercial traffic on the Great Lakes ;

Further Resolved, That the United States shipping board be and hereby is requested to place a line of package freight boats in service on the Great Lakes so as to give service from the city of Buffalo, New York, and the Wisconsin cities of Milwaukee, Superior, Ashland and Green Bay ; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, attested by the signatures of the presiding officers and chief clerks of both houses, be transmitted to the president of the United States senate and to the speaker of the house of representatives, to each United States senator and congressman from this state and to the president of said shipping board at Washington, D. C.

[Jt. Res. No. 61, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44, A.

Memorializing the congress of the United States not to repeal the excess profits and surtax laws and not to pass the sales tax law.

WHEREAS, A concentrated effort is now being made to induce the congress of the United States to repeal the excess profits tax as well as the surtax ; and

WHEREAS, The main reason given for such repeal is that such taxes tend to cause men of wealth to invest their money in tax free municipal bonds and securities instead of in business enterprises ; and

WHEREAS, It is a well known fact that public improvements of all kinds were postponed during the war and that municipal corporations are now anxious to secure needed money with which to construct many needed public improvements ; and

WHEREAS, It is highly desirable that municipalities in order to construct public improvements be enabled to borrow money at reasonable rates of interest, which can be done when municipal securities are tax free thereby helping to keep down the burden on the taxpayer and also give work to the thousands who would otherwise be idle because of industrial depression ; and

WHEREAS, Neither of the taxes attempted to be repealed will affect the business man who does not make excessive profits, while