

[Jt. Res. No. 92, A.]

No. 60, 1927.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the Menominee Indian Reservation.

WHEREAS, The federal government has indicated its intention to allow a survey of the potential waterpower of the Wolf river in the Menominee Indian reservation to be made by private interests; and

WHEREAS, Published news reports from Washington city carry the story that Indian Commissioner Burke "assumed a bullying attitude toward Indian witnesses" at the hearing recently held; and

WHEREAS, It is thought that this proposed damming of the Wolf river may destroy one of the last spots of natural beauty in Wisconsin and may also increase the flood danger to a region already sorely harassed by periodical inundation; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has no national park, with the exception of the "Winneshiek Bottoms," which is a game refuge; and

WHEREAS, The last extensive stand of virgin timber in Wisconsin is located on the Menominee reservation and is rapidly being cut off by the government and private interests. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the Federal Indian Bureau be and is hereby requested to refrain from finally leasing the power site to private interests until congress has convened and until after a full, fair and properly announced hearing or hearings have been conducted. Be it further

Resolved, That Wisconsin's representatives in congress of the United States be requested to investigate the feasibility of making a national park of the river and timber tract on the said Menominee Indian reservation so that its natural beauty will be saved for future generations, and that these representatives make every effort possible to carry this plan to fruition should they deem it practicable and necessary in order to save the reservation from spoliation. Be it further

Resolved, That Wisconsin's representatives be requested to use every effort to protect the interests of the Indians with regard to

the proposed damming of the Wolf river and the leasing of the power site to private interests. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, suitably attested by the presiding officers of the senate and assembly, be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of the Interior, to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and to the senators and representatives from Wisconsin.

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[Jt. Res. No. 88, S.]

No. 65, 1927.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting tax commission to instruct assessors as to valuations to be given farm lands.

WHEREAS, It is a well known fact that farm lands located in a city, village or school district embracing a city or village and therefore on account of such location, subject to the high tax rate therein, cannot be sold at a price as high as lands of the same type located outside such territory; and

WHEREAS, It appears that many assessors are failing to consider this result of location, in the fixing of value for assessment purposes; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the tax commission is hereby instructed to advise all assessors that in making valuation of farm lands in cities or villages or in school districts embracing a city or village, consideration must be given to the fact that such lands because of location are subject to extra tax burdens which reduce their value. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, suitably attested, be forwarded to the state tax commission.

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