

this policy which his convictions commended, Congressman Cooper sacrificed committee chairmanships and possible election to the Speakership, yet by sheer integrity and ability influenced legislation probably as much as any man with whom he served in Congress. Courteous and fair at all times, he was one of the best beloved of the members of the House and perhaps its most striking personality. His erect figure and dignified presence signalled him out among his colleagues and commanded the attention of each visitor.

Henry Allen Cooper belongs to the entire nation, but Wisconsin regards him as one of her greatest citizens. His death culminates a career of exceptional usefulness, a life well spent in the service of his fellowmen; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That this resolution be spread in full upon the journals of both houses as an appreciation of the public service rendered by Congressman Cooper and that a properly attested copy of this resolution be sent to his widow as an expression of heartfelt sympathy of the members of the Legislature.

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[Jt. Res. No. 23, S.]

[Deposited Mar. 27, 1931.]

No. 46, 1931

### JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the manufacture and sale of beer and wines.

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WHEREAS, This country is now faced with a most serious depression and there are few, if any, measures which will accomplish so much to stimulate business and employment as would a modification of the Volstead act to allow the manufacture and sale of beer and wine; and

WHEREAS, Legislation of the manufacture of beer alone would afford employment to nearly two million men, would mean increased sales and earnings to the farmers, grain dealers, automobile and truck companies, and box and bottle factories, would stimulate railroad transportation, real estate, and other kindred businesses,

and would prove beneficial to all industries through increasing the buying power of the consuming public by two million well employed men; and

WHEREAS, Such a modification of the Volstead act would help to rid the country of racketeering, hijacking, and other evils which have followed the trail of prohibition; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the legislature of Wisconsin respectfully memorializes the congress of the United States to relieve the present depression and to bring work and business to millions by modifying the Volstead act to permit the manufacture and sale of beer and wine. Be it further

*Resolved,* That properly attested copies of this resolution be sent to the presiding officers of both houses of congress and to each Wisconsin member thereof.

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

[Deposited Mar. 27, 1931.]

No. 47, 1931.

### JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the so-called Wickersham report on prohibition.

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WHEREAS, The United States commission on the enforcement of the criminal laws, popularly known as the Wickersham commission, in a divided report has recommended further trial and strict enforcement of the policy of national prohibition; and

WHEREAS, Despite the fact that this commission was appointed by a president who in the 1928 presidential campaign termed prohibition "a noble experiment" and the majority of its members were known to be supporters of prohibition, two of the eleven members declared themselves in favor of the repeal of the eighteenth amendment and four others expressed their conviction that this amendment should be modified; and

WHEREAS, The recommendation made by the commission that prohibition be given a further trial and that increased appropriations be made for its enforcement is inconsistent with the views expressed by these six members of the commission; and