

[Jt. Res. No. 102, A.]

[Deposited June 27, 1933.]

No. 91, 1933.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to a special committee to study the real estate tax situation.

WHEREAS, Despite gratifying reductions in many of the taxing districts of the state, real estate taxes are still far too high under existing economic conditions; and

WHEREAS, The rate of tax delinquency has reached most alarming proportions and thousands of worthy citizens of this state are in grave danger of losing their homes and property because they cannot meet their taxes; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that this legislature should provide relief from crushing real estate tax burdens; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That a special joint committee consisting of seven members of the legislature be appointed by the governor to study the real estate tax situation and to make recommendations for legislation to afford relief to overburdened taxpayers from crushing tax burdens. Said committee shall conduct public hearings on this problem at Madison and shall give consideration to measures which may be adopted to reduce real estate taxes and to afford relief to taxpayers who are in imminent danger of losing their farms and homes because they are unable to pay their taxes. The mention of these specific lines of inquiry shall not be deemed a limitation but the committee shall have authority to study any phase of the real estate tax situation and methods of relieving overburdened taxpayers which it may deem it advisable to go into.

The committee shall begin its study and conduct its hearings as soon as possible after it shall have been constituted, and shall conclude its investigations with all reasonable expedition. Any member of the committee may administer oaths to witnesses and the committee may, in the manner provided in section 13.25, subpoena witnesses and require the production of testimony. The committee may hold meetings at any time when the two houses of the legislature are not in session.

The committee may make recommendations from time to time to the legislature as it reaches conclusions regarding measures to afford relief to the real estate taxpayers of the state, and with

such recommendations shall present appropriate bills. It shall make its final report prior to the adjournment of the present session. Be it further

Resolved, That a properly attested copy of this resolution be transmitted to the governor immediately upon adoption and that the governor be requested to appoint the members of the committee herein provided for as promptly as possible.

[Jt. Res. No. 118, A.]

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to federal action to prevent excessive salaries and profits in the manufacture and distribution of dairy products.

WHEREAS, The present milk strike is in large part due to agitation over alleged excessive profits earned and unreasonably high salaries paid by large dairy companies; and

WHEREAS, There is reason to believe that there is some basis for these complaints and that some of the dairy companies have earned excessive profits even during the period of acute depression, and that salaries have been paid to high officials which are in excess of any reasonable figure; and

WHEREAS, Only the federal government can deal with the problem presented by these large profits and excessive salaries in the manufacture and distribution of dairy products; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the legislature of Wisconsin respectfully memorializes the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States in administering the national farm relief act, to take into consideration the profits made and the salaries paid by the large dairy companies, and in all measures which he may take under this act to bring farm prices up to higher levels, he allow only a reasonable return and permit only reasonable salaries in the manufacture and distribution of dairy products, Be it further

Resolved, That this legislature memorializes the Congress of the United States to take such other action as may be necessary to prevent unreasonable profits and salaries in the dairy industry, and to secure for the farmers the higher prices for dairy products which will be rendered possible if excessive profits and un-