

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 5, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1.

Requesting our senators and representatives in congress to aid in procuring the purchase of the Portage Lake and Lake Superior Ship Canal, and the Portage Lake and River Improvement Company Canal, by the general government.

WHEREAS, The senate of the United States has passed certain resolutions dated April 22, A. D. 1884, directing the secretary of war to procure information as to cost, condition and value of the Portage Lake and Lake Superior Ship canal, and the Portage Lake and River Improvement company canal, with a view to a purchase of the same by the government;

WHEREAS, The honorable secretary of war selected Col. O. M. Poe, of the United States army, to make an examination under said resolution, and advise as to the desirability of purchasing said canals;

WHEREAS, The secretary has reported under this resolution, on the date of January 5th, A. D. 1885, recommending that the government should make such purchase and make those two ship canals free water ways to the commerce of the lakes;

WHEREAS, The tolls collected by these two canal companies are burdensome to the people of a large district who are supplied through these canals, and equally burdensome to the vessel interest and the commerce of the northwest using them;

WHEREAS, These canals form important channels that should be made free to the great commerce of the North Pacific country, as well as the local country doing business with those growing Lake Superior industries, and lessens the danger of navigation to this great commerce passing through Lake Superior, making at the entrance of the main ship canal a harbor of refuge that is needed just where the greatest danger to navigation exists on this great lake; therefore,

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That our

senators and representatives in congress be urged to use their influence to procure such legislation by congress as will effect the purchase of these canals and make them free water-ways to the people of the region supplied by them, and the whole commerce of Lake Superior and the northwest.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward one copy to each of our representatives and senators in congress, and one copy to the honorable secretary of war.

[No. 1, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2.

In relation to increasing the pensions of one-armed and one-legged union soldiers.

WHEREAS, There is now pending in congress H. R. number 7168, a bill relating to the increase of pensions to one-armed and one-legged union soldiers; therefore,

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That our senators and representatives in congress are hereby requested to use their utmost influence in aiding the passage of said bill.

Further resolved, That his excellency, the governor, be and is hereby requested to forward a copy of this resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

[No. 13, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the following standing committees are hereby authorized to employ a clerk, viz.:

The committee on state affairs and the committee on bills on a third read in the assembly. That the sergeants-at-arms of each house are hereby authorized to appoint four committee-room attendants, the president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly three additional messengers each. The compensation of said employes to date from the passage of this resolution.