

[No. 63, A.]

## JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21.

Relating to bills providing for the construction of dams and the granting of water-power privileges.

WHEREAS, By joint resolution No. 52, A., as amended and adopted by both houses, all bills relating to the subject of the control of water powers by the state and conditions upon which franchises for the same should be granted by the state, and the expediency of imposing a charge therefor, and such other matters pertaining to this subject as shall be determined is referred to a special joint committee to investigate such subject and to draft a bill or bills covering the same, and

WHEREAS, By said resolution the governor is requested to call a special session of the legislature at such time as he may determine after said special joint committee shall have notified him that it is ready to report in full upon the subjects assigned to it, and

WHEREAS, It is probable that a special session of the legislature will be convened in accordance with the provisions of said joint resolution, and

WHEREAS, A large number of bills are pending before the legislature providing for the granting of franchises for the construction of dams and reservoirs, which franchises and authority should only be granted subject to such conditions as may be contained in the general legislation to be recommended as aforesaid for the protection of the rights of individuals and the state; and

WHEREAS, Joint resolution No. 38, A., to amend section 10 of article VIII of the constitution relates to internal improvements and the development of water power.

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring,* That all bills now pending before the legislature granting, creating or extending any authority or franchise for the construction of any dam or reservoir or reservoir system, by any person, association or corporation and joint resolution No. 38, A., be and are hereby referred to said special session of the legislature, and that the consideration thereof is postponed until said special session;

*Resolved further,* That the governor is hereby requested to include action upon all such bills and such resolution as a part of the special purposes of such special session.