

WHEREAS, One of the greatest problems confronting the States and the Nation at the present time is the furnishing of immediate employment to the returning soldiers, sailors and marines and to the large number of idle laborers released from other activities by the victorious termination of the war; and

WHEREAS, The construction of much-needed public improvements will furnish immediate and profitable employment to the returning soldiers, sailors and marines and to idle labor; and

WHEREAS, The increase in freight rates on the heavy materials, entering largely into the construction of Public Works, which went into effect on June 25, 1918, was approximately one hundred per cent greater than the increase on other commodities; and

WHEREAS, In the judgment of the legislature of the State of Wisconsin freight rates on materials designed for use in the construction of Public Works are excessive and tend to seriously discourage the resumption of the construction of such enterprises, thus largely defeating the common effort to give employment at this time of great necessity; be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States and the United States Railroad Administration be, and they hereby are memorialized and respectfully but most urgently requested to take such action as will bring about a reduction in the freight tariffs governing the shipment of all materials entering largely into the construction of Public Works, said reduction to be not less than the advance which went into effect June 25, 1918, and to be effective at a very early date; and

That upon the passage of this resolution, certified copies thereof be forthwith forwarded by the Chief Clerk of the Senate to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of both Houses of Congress and to the members from Wisconsin of both branches of the Congress of the United States, and the Director General of Railroads.

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[Jt. Res. No. 40, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34.

Relating to the establishment of a Jewish State of Palestine and for the granting of complete liberty to the Jewish people in all countries.

The peace of the world depends upon a just and equitable settlement of the war just ended, and whereby each and every nationality, however small, be granted liberty to determine its own destiny and opportunity of living its own life. The peo-

ple of the United States of America are recognized as ardent supporters of the rights of small nations to exist.

On November 3rd, 1917, the government of the British Empire declared in favor of the establishment in Palestine, of a national home for the Jewish people and pledged its best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of a Jewish state, with the provision that in the establishment of the same, nothing shall be done that shall prejudice the civil and national rights of non-Jewish communities in Palestine or the rights and political status enjoyed by the Jewish people in other countries.

That the establishment of a Jewish state is essential to the millions of people who have been faithful and loyal subjects of the several nations of which they are citizens and have been for centuries oppressed, through racial prejudice, and left without a parent country for their race; therefore be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the national aspiration and historic claims of the Jewish people with regard to establishment of a state in Palestine be recognized at the Peace Conference, in accordance with both the American and British declarations. That there shall be established such political and economical conditions in Palestine as will insure the development of a Jewish commonwealth in that country; that the American Representatives at the Peace Conference shall use their best endeavors to promote same and that the Jewish people in every land be granted complete enjoyment of life, liberty, and opportunities for national development to the end that delayed justice may be done to one of the most suffering people of the earth.

*Be it further Resolved,* That a copy of these resolutions properly signed by the presiding officer of both houses and duly attested by the chief clerks thereof be forwarded to the President of the United States, with the purpose of having the same presented in a formal manner to the Representatives of the Nations of the World, now sitting at the Great Peace Conference in France.

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[Jt. Res. No. 42, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35.

Relating to a deep water way from Oshkosh to Green Bay.

WHEREAS, The failure of the transportation companies to keep pace with the commercial requirements of the country, and especially the great northwest, has become a question of national importance, and