

state construction of highways and bridges demands that the cost of cement be materially reduced and that the profits realized from cement purchased by the highway commission should pass into the coffers of the state rather than to large private corporations and individuals, and

WHEREAS, There is a public feeling that this evil could be remedied and the tax payers relieved from some of their burdens through state owned cement plants ; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That a special legislative committee be constituted consisting of two senators to be appointed by the presiding officer of the senate, and three assemblymen to be appointed by the speaker of the assembly, and two citizens, versed in the manufacturing industry of cement, to be selected by said legislative committee, be and hereby is created and appointed for the purpose of making a thorough investigation as to the facts and as to the advisability of Wisconsin engaging in the manufacture of cement to be used for state purposes, and especially for state road and bridge construction ; and

*Resolved,* That said committee make a full report of its investigation and recommendations to this legislature and that said committee serve without compensation.

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[Jt. Res. No. 45, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31, S.

Memorializing the federal trade commission to issue a complaint against the trade practice of the steel industry known as "Pittsburgh Plus" and to expedite the proceedings now pending before said commission with reference to said practice.

WHEREAS, There is located in the territory adjacent and contiguous to Lake Superior and Lake Michigan and particularly adjacent to the commercial and industrial centers of Wisconsin the largest and richest bodies of iron ore on the American continent, which said bodies, by reason of their close proximity to cheap water transportation for fuel and other materials used in making iron ore merchantable, would be of immense benefit and great value to the state of Wisconsin ; and

WHEREAS, The benefits of this situation are in a very large measure withheld from the people of this state and the people of the northwest by reason of a practice known as "Pittsburgh Plus",

which places an arbitrary and fictitious charge against all iron and steel products, except steel rails, manufactured and sold in the territory adjacent to the city of Superior and in the city of Milwaukee and other points in the state of Wisconsin, equal to the freight rate of such products from Pittsburgh to such points, notwithstanding that such products manufactured within this state and in territory immediately adjacent thereto from ore produced in this state territory are not transported to or from Pittsburgh, and no such freight rate is ever, in fact, paid thereon; and

WHEREAS, By this device the people of this state and the northwest are in effect subjected to a tax upon the product of the resources of this territory with the result that the logical development of the industry and the enjoyment of the benefits justly due, to the state of Wisconsin and the northwest are thereby retarded to the great detriment of the general public and the citizens of the state of Wisconsin and the entire northwest; and

WHEREAS, Such trade practice constitutes a discrimination against the fabricators of steel and against manufacturers using steel as raw material where located in this state and throughout the west, subjecting them to higher cost and preventing them from competing in their own markets with fabricators and manufacturers located in the east, to the injury and suppression of manufacturing industries; and

WHEREAS, An application for such a complaint has been pending before the federal trade commission since on or about the first day of August, 1919; Therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the facts and conditions in relationship to such "Pittsburgh Plus" practice are such as to warrant and require the issuance of such complaint, and the federal trade commission is hereby respectfully requested and urged to issue such complaint with as much expedition as reasonably possible and upon final hearing thereof to grant to the public so discriminated against the utmost possible relief. Be it further

*Resolved,* That the attorney-general of the state of Wisconsin be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to interplead in the said proceedings now pending before the federal trade commission and such further proceedings as may hereafter follow with respect to said trade practice and to represent and protect the interests of the people of the state of Wisconsin. Be it further

*Resolved*, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be transmitted to the federal trade commission.

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[Jt. Res. No. 26, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33, S.

On the part of the several states of the union, requesting the congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States constitution for the purpose of further strengthening the 10th Amendment to said instrument to further safeguard the self-governing power of the states, and to more specifically define the powers of the federal government so as to restore to the people the rights of home rule as originally intended by the federal constitution.

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WHEREAS, The national government of the United States has during the past several years assumed the exercise of powers both by legislative enactment, executive order, and even subordinate department order, the latter orders assuming the sanction of law, all of which assumption of power on the part of the said national government and its agencies is destroying the self-governing rights of the people of the several states, and striking at the foundation of the fundamental principles on which the republic was established. The assumption of said powers to a great degree were justified as in time of war, but the continued application of the same principles as to peace conditions, are unauthorized and unwarranted. The states have lost control of the regulation of railroads and the rates to be charged thereon on lines within their borders, and such regulation has been assumed by a national body which arbitrarily enforces its decrees. The national government is constantly seeking by the method of national bonuses to the several states, and by other similar methods to undermine the self-governing rights of the states and make the national government supreme, even as to the minor details of regulation.

The foregoing is only a few of the many instances in which the underlying principles on which the republic was founded are being cast aside, and the flag of national domination has been raised as a standard, in place of the self reliant flag of home rule. The present policy contemplates no longer that the people should uphold the national government, but that the national government