

[Jt. Res. No. 62, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41, S.

Relating to the recognition of the Irish Republic by the government of the United States.

WHEREAS, For upwards of seven hundred years the people of Ireland have asserted, through force of arms as well as through parliamentary procedure, their incontestable claim to a free and independent government to which the nationhood of Ireland entitles them, and through which they might secure to themselves those inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness which are inherent in all peoples; and

WHEREAS, The people of Ireland, possessing all the attributes of nationhood, have set up within the confines of their own country an Irish republican government to which they have pledged their allegiance, and such government, known as the Irish Republic and sanctioned by the ballot of a vast majority of the Irish people, now is functioning as a de facto government and is, in fact, the only government recognized by the Irish people; and

WHEREAS, For upwards of one hundred years it has been the settled policy and principle of the United States of America to acknowledge any government to be rightful which is founded by the will of the nation substantially declared; and

WHEREAS, The people of the state of Wisconsin, firm in the conviction that the principle of self determination in government extends to every nation whose people are united by common political ideals and that the people of Ireland are so united, believe that the government of the United States, without violating any of the practices or usages of international law and without giving any other nation just cause for ill-will, can and should do everything in its power, consistent with its own principles and traditional policy, to encourage the recognition of Ireland as a free and independent republic; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That this legislature, voicing the sentiment of the people of the state of Wisconsin, urges and requests the president of the United States, acting for and on behalf of the government of the United States, by proclamation or in such other manner as may be proper, to formally recognize the Irish Republic as a free and independent nation; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, properly engrossed and authenticated, be forwarded to the president of the United States, to the secretary of state of the United States, to the presiding officers of both houses of congress, and to each of the United States senators and representatives from Wisconsin.

[Jt. Res. No. 58, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42, A.

Relating to traffic on the Mississippi River.

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That in view of the proposed revival of traffic on the Mississippi river the state engineer be instructed to make a study of wharfage conditions along the Wisconsin shore of the river, and that he prepare plans for facilities for handling the prospective traffic.

[Jt. Res. No. 53, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43, A.

Relating to the restoration of package freight boats on the
Great Lakes.

WHEREAS, During the World's War most of the package freight boats then in service on the Great Lakes were taken therefrom and utilized in war work; and

WHEREAS, It is reported that none of such boats have been restored to service on the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, It is conceded that one of the chief causes of business depression is the burdensome freight rates charged by railroads; and

WHEREAS, Section 8567 of the federal statutes prevents progressive and economic co-operation, regulation and operation by railroads of commerce on the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that the restoration of package freight boats to service on the Great Lakes would give to the people of Wisconsin a very large measure of relief from present transportation conditions; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the congress of the United States be respectfully memorialized to enact all necessary legislation for the immediate restoration of package freight boats on the Great Lakes and to amend said section 8567