

[Jt. Res. No. 90, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57, A.

Urging the congress of the United States to pass the Farmers' Export Financing Corporation bill.

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WHEREAS, There is pending before the congress of the United States the so-called Farmers' Export Financing Corporation bill introduced by Senator Norris, which proposes to finance exports of cotton, wheat and all other agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, This bill, if enacted into law, would result in untold benefit to the farmers of this country by opening and developing channels for export trade in agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, Recent investigation shows that the returns of tenant farmers in the mid-continent region for this year will not exceed on the average five cents an hour; that farmers generally, with their large investments in farm capital and unpaid debts increasing, are threatened with serious conditions of bankruptcy never before experienced in this country; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That this legislature respectfully memorialize and urge the congress of the United States to enact during this session the bill herein referred to, or any other bill of similar import; and be it further

*Resolved,* That suitable copies of this resolution, properly attested, be transmitted to the president of the United States senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and to each United States senator and representative in congress from this state.

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[Jt. Res. No. 92, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 59, A.

Relating to curtailment of tax burdens.

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WHEREAS, The late war necessarily created heavy tax burdens upon the citizens of this commonwealth and all loyal citizens gladly reciprocated in order to do their "bit" in bringing the war to a successful conclusion, but never sanctioned a reckless expenditure of the public funds, and

WHEREAS, Public opinion demands that the tax burdens of the people should be alleviated in every possible way, and

WHEREAS, It is obvious that tax burdens cannot be reduced to

the minimum except by a policy of thrift, economy, efficiency and progressivism in state and national affairs, and

WHEREAS, A recent editorial by Mr. Arthur Brisbane declares: "Peace also is expensive, when officials get the habit of doing what Joseph P. Day calls 'S. O. P. M.' which means 'spending other people's money.' It is hard to lose the habit. With war ended, the army and navy now cost this country nearly \$300,000 an hour. Multiply that by twenty-four and the result by 365 and you will know what peace costs in a land of profiteer sharks and incompetent officials. This public spending interests little people, for they must foot the bill, since the Supreme Court decides the corporations may legally dodge income tax." Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That it is the sense of this legislature that an expenditure of \$300,000 an hour for the army and navy in peace times is as unnecessary as it is unjust to the taxpayers of this commonwealth. That all expenditures of public funds should be made economically and with an insurance that the tax burdens of the people are being permanently and speedily reduced to the minimum.

*Further Resolved,* That this legislature hereby goes on record as opposed to any uneconomic and inefficient policy adopted in peace times which tends to increase the tax burdens of the people. That we believe in a curtailment of all public expenditures in so far as true economy and constructive progress of public affairs will permit, that we condemn any method of profiteering at the public expense; we believe that incompetent officials should be ousted, that no one should be permitted to dodge the income tax and thereby increase the burden of the remaining law abiding taxpayers and that with taxation reduced to an economic and progressive constructive basis the amount of tax due from each citizen should be in accordance with the ability in wealth of each citizen to contribute.

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[Jt. Res. No. 94, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 60, A.

Relating to memorializing congress to enact into law the "Voight bill."

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WHEREAS, Congressman Voight of Wisconsin has recently introduced in the United States congress a bill prohibiting "filled