

[Jt. Res. No. 16, S.]

[Deposited Mar. 6, 1929.]

No. 21, 1929.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing the Congress of the United States to provide for a nation-wide referendum on the question of modifying the Volstead act.

WHEREAS, At a referendum held in November, 1926, the voters of the State of Wisconsin registered their disapproval of prohibition by a majority of approximately 176,000 votes; and

WHEREAS, By such action the people of Wisconsin have in no uncertain terms declared themselves to be in favor of a modification of the Volstead act which will permit the manufacture and sale of 2.75 per cent beer; and

WHEREAS, There has been a great deal of discussion throughout the entire United States concerning the advisability of a change in the present day prohibition conditions; and

WHEREAS, A nation-wide test on the question of modifying the Volstead act would afford the means of accurately measuring the sentiment of the entire country; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the members of the legislature of the State of Wisconsin hereby record themselves as respectfully memorializing Congress to enact the necessary legislation for the holding of a nation-wide referendum on the question of modifying the Volstead act to legalize the manufacture and sale of 2.75 per cent beer; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, duly attested by the proper officers of the senate and assembly, be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress.

[Jt. Res. No. 18, S.]

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No. 22, 1929.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing Congress to provide for earlier seating of United States Senators and Representatives-elect.

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States now provides that members of Congress who are elected in November of even numbered years shall not meet in regular session until December of the year following; and

WHEREAS, In December following each general election, the old Congress convenes in its second regular session, in which there are always many members who are repudiated by the constituents, but who, under the present system, often have it within their power to nullify the wish of the people as expressed in the election; and

WHEREAS, With improvements in transportation there is no longer any good reason why the new Congress, rather than the old Congress, should not convene shortly after the election, now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the legislature of the State of Wisconsin hereby earnestly requests and petitions Congress to adopt and submit to the states the so-called "Norris amendment" to the constitution of the United States for the earlier commencement of the terms of President, Vice-President and members of Congress and for the convening of Congress in January of the year following its election.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution duly attested by the presiding officers and chief clerks of the senate and assembly be forwarded to the presiding officers of both houses of Congress and to the Wisconsin senators and representatives therein.

[Jt. Res. No. 20, S.]

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No. 23, 1929.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing Congress to enact legislation for the development of Muscle Shoals for the benefit of all of the people of the United States instead of turning it over to private companies for their benefit.

WHEREAS, for some years Congress has been discussing the proper method of utilizing the power of Muscle Shoals, a giant power-producing dam in Alabama upon which over one hundred fifty million dollars has already been spent by this government