

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

[Deposited Apr. 19, 1929.]

No. 38, 1929.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to agricultural relief and memorializing Congress.

WHEREAS, President Hoover has convened the Congress of the United States to meet in special session on April 15, 1929, to consider the problem of agricultural relief; and

WHEREAS, The problem of agricultural relief presents two distinct aspects, namely, that of making the tariff effective as to those agricultural products in which American farmers face foreign competition and that of providing the equivalent of tariff protection to agricultural products of which we produce a surplus; and

WHEREAS, The present tariff duties fall far short of adequately protecting the American farmers from the competition of more cheaply produced foreign products, as evidenced by the fact that two billion five hundred million dollars' worth of farm products are imported into the United States annually; and

WHEREAS, Among the agricultural products imported from foreign countries there were in 1926: 78,000,000 pounds of cheese, which represented an increase of over fifty per cent in the last five years, a direct consequence of an inadequate tariff duty; 13,000,000 pounds of dried peas and 65,000,000 pounds of dried beans, which have rendered unprofitable the production of peas and beans in this state; and 245,000,000 pounds of coconut oil, which constituted the principal constituent of the more than 257,000,000 pounds of oleomargarine manufactured in this country, and all of which was imported absolutely free of duty; and

WHEREAS, The Republican national platform of 1928 pledged revision of tariff duties to give the American farmer the entire home market "to the full extent of his ability to supply it" and the Democratic national platform pledged "equality of treatment between agriculture and other industries"; and

WHEREAS, Increase in tariff duties, while vital in the case of agricultural products which are imported in large quantities, obviously will not give relief to the producers of agricultural

products of which we produce a surplus, but instead relief for the producers of such products must be sought through some method of disposing of the surpluses; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the Legislature of Wisconsin hereby respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to promptly enact legislation for agricultural relief, along the two following lines:

1. Increase in the tariff duties upon agricultural products which are imported in large quantities, and particularly an increase in the duties upon cheese, condensed and evaporated milk and other dairy products and on dried peas and beans, and, above all, the imposition of a tariff duty upon coconut oil imported from the Philippines, to equalize the cost of manufacturing oleomargarine with the cost of production of butter.

2. An effective method for the disposal of the surpluses of agricultural products in such a manner that the domestic price will not be depressed to the level of the world price through the existence of such surpluses. Be it further

Resolved, That properly attested copies of this resolution be sent to the presiding officers of both houses of the Congress of the United States and to each Wisconsin member thereof.

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No. 39, 1929.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing the congress of the United States to enforce all articles and amendments of the United States constitution alike.

WHEREAS, The congress of the United States has appropriated large sums of money to enforce the Eighteenth amendment of the United States constitution; and

WHEREAS, Each amendment or article of the United States constitution should be enforced with the same vigor and impartiality; and

WHEREAS, Many of the states are openly violating Section 2 of the Fourteenth amendment of the United States constitution, which section reads as follows: "Representatives shall be appor-