

tax sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof within a period not exceeding fifty years from the time of contracting the same. *Providing, that an indebtedness created for the purpose of purchasing, acquiring, leasing, constructing, extending, adding to, improving, conducting, controlling, operating or managing a public utility of a town, village or city, and secured solely by the property or income of such public utility, and whereby no municipal liability is created, shall not be considered an indebtedness of such town, village or city, and shall not be included in arriving at such five per centum debt limitation.* Be it further

*Resolved,* That this proposed amendment be and is hereby referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that the same be published for three months preceding the time of holding such election.

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[Jt. Res. No. 69, S.]

[Deposited Aug. 22, 1929.]

No. 75, 1929.

### JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to uniformity in the rate schedules for electric light, heat and power, and to an investigation of the reasonableness of the spread in rates between different classes of consumers.

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WHEREAS, There is at present a great multiplicity of rate schedules and rate bases for electric current furnished for light, heat and power purposes by different companies and in different communities, and sometimes even by the same company and in the same community; and

WHEREAS, Such varying and complex rate schedules render well-nigh impossible any comparisons of electric rates between different communities and also make it difficult for consumers to check their bills; and

WHEREAS, There is at present a very wide difference between the rates charged various classes of consumers, with the highest rates in all cases being charged to the domestic lighting and farm users; and

WHEREAS, Conditions in the electric utility industry have so greatly changed in recent years that it is very doubtful whether the wide spread in rates to the disadvantage of the domestic and farm consumers is longer justified; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the railroad commission is requested and instructed to make every possible effort to bring about uniformity in the rate schedules or rate bases for electric light, heat and power, in this state; and that to this end it invites the cooperation of the several municipal and private utilities, through the appointment of a cooperating committee or committees, and otherwise. Be it further

*Resolved,* That the railroad commission is requested and instructed to make a thorough investigation of the reasonableness of the spread now existing in the rates charged different classes of consumers, in the light of present day conditions, and that in such investigation it give particular attention to the possibility of reducing rates to domestic lighting and farm users. Be it further

*Resolved,* That the railroad commission shall make a report to the next legislature at the opening of the regular session of 1931, upon the progress made in the discharge of its duties under this resolution. Be it further

*Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be sent to the railroad commission by the chief clerk of the senate.

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[Jt. Res. No. 120, S.]

[Deposited Aug. 22, 1929.]

No. 76, 1929.

### JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the death of Victor L. Berger.

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Victor L. Berger, internationally famed Socialist leader and editor, and one of Wisconsin's most distinguished citizens, died today, August 7, 1929, as the result of an accidental injury sustained some weeks ago.

Victor Berger was born sixty-nine years ago in Austria-Hungary. Coming to this country in early manhood, after having