

WHEREAS, Under the present system, the second regular session of each Congress does not begin until a month after the new Congress is elected and the new Congress does not convene until a year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, The present system results in the passage of much important legislation by what are called "lame duck" members who have been defeated for reelection, and in nullifying the wishes of the people; and

WHEREAS, The Senate of the United States has in five successive congresses passed resolutions proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for the seating of Congress in January following its election, only to have the House of Representatives fail to act thereon, and has again passed such a resolution in the present Congress; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That this legislature earnestly requests and petitions the House of Representatives to adopt the resolution already passed by the Senate for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for the seating of the Congress in January of the year following its election. Be it further

*Resolved,* That properly attested copies of this resolution be sent to the House of Representatives of the United States and to each Wisconsin member of Congress.

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No. 22, 1931.

### JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing the Congress of the United States to at once make adequate appropriations to give employment to the millions of unemployed workmen of the country.

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WHEREAS, By the lowest estimate at least four million workmen are at present unemployed in this country and the true number of the unemployed is probably twice as great; and

WHEREAS, The only measure of relief that has been enacted is the emergency construction bill which will make available about one hundred sixteen million dollars for additional public construction, of which probably not more than sixty per cent will go in wages to workmen, allowing only on the average about fourteen dollars per unemployed workman; and

WHEREAS, There are many public construction projects that ought to be carried out at this time, including improvement of five hundred thousand miles of primary through highways in this country; and

WHEREAS, The only objection offered to the adoption of an adequate program of public construction, which would at once end the present depression, is that it would cost perhaps one to five billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, A Liberty Loan for the jobless of this amount would be but a small fraction of the more than twenty billion dollars of Liberty Loan contracted by this country for the prosecution of a foreign war and the feeding of starving people in European nations; 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 at once enact legislation making appropriations for a really adequate program of public construction which would afford employment to all unemployed workmen and end the existing depression. Be it therefore

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

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[Jt. Res. No. 17, S.]

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No. 23, 1931.

### JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation for the public operation and development of Muscle Shoals.