

and would prove beneficial to all industries through increasing the buying power of the consuming public by two million well employed men; and

WHEREAS, Such a modification of the Volstead act would help to rid the country of racketeering, hijacking, and other evils which have followed the trail of prohibition; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the legislature of Wisconsin respectfully memorializes the congress of the United States to relieve the present depression and to bring work and business to millions by modifying the Volstead act to permit the manufacture and sale of beer and wine. Be it further

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

[Jt. Res. No. 25, S.]

[Deposited Mar. 27, 1931.]

No. 47, 1931.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the so-called Wickersham report on prohibition.

WHEREAS, The United States commission on the enforcement of the criminal laws, popularly known as the Wickersham commission, in a divided report has recommended further trial and strict enforcement of the policy of national prohibition; and

WHEREAS, Despite the fact that this commission was appointed by a president who in the 1928 presidential campaign termed prohibition "a noble experiment" and the majority of its members were known to be supporters of prohibition, two of the eleven members declared themselves in favor of the repeal of the eighteenth amendment and four others expressed their conviction that this amendment should be modified; and

WHEREAS, The recommendation made by the commission that prohibition be given a further trial and that increased appropriations be made for its enforcement is inconsistent with the views expressed by these six members of the commission; and

WHEREAS, Experience has demonstrated that prohibition is unenforceable, results in making criminals of law-abiding citizens, and immensely increases the difficulties of preventing serious crimes; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the legislature of Wisconsin hereby urges upon the congress of the United States the immediate repeal or modification of the eighteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States and the abandonment of the policy of prohibition in lieu of voting increased appropriations for its enforcement. Be it further

Resolved, That properly attested copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the members of the United States Commission on the enforcement of the criminal law, to both houses of Congress, and to each Wisconsin member thereof.

[Jt. Res. No. 31, A.]

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No. 48, 1931.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing the Congress of the United States to provide for the conscription of wealth in time of war.

WHEREAS, In time of war, the nation must demand from many of its citizens their most valuable possession, life itself; and

WHEREAS, When the nation requires such sacrifices from some of its citizens, it is but fair that others who are not required to risk their health and lives should contribute any wealth, which they may have beyond their needs, to the common cause; and

WHEREAS, Great wealth is today international, so that the international banker and financier profit from war, no matter which side wins. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the legislature of Wisconsin hereby respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to the effect that no person, association, or corporation be allowed to retain any excess profits made from or by reason of any war. Be it further