

WHEREAS, At such low prices it is utterly impossible for farmers to meet insurance, interest and taxes, to say nothing of their entire cost of production; and

WHEREAS, A continuation of these conditions will result not only in depriving the majority of farmers of their farms and their life savings, but will make impossible any substantial improvement in general economic conditions and will operate to make the situation progressively worse, endangering the government and threatening the destruction of our entire social order; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the legislature of Wisconsin hereby respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to adopt the following measures for agricultural relief:

(1) The farm allotment bill which has passed the House of Representatives and is now pending before the United States Senate.

(2) The Frazier bill or some similar measure to refinance the farmers at a low rate of interest.

(3) To moderately increase the currency with the end in view of relieving mortgagors and other debtors from having to repay, in terms of purchasing power, a great deal more than they borrowed.

Resolved, That properly attested copies of this resolution be sent to President Hoover, President-elect Roosevelt, both Houses of the Congress of the United States, and to each Representative and Senator from Wisconsin.

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

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No. 12, 1933.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the Constitution repealing the Eighteenth Amendment and to promptly legalize the manufacture and sale of beer.

WHEREAS, Both the Democratic and Republican national platforms of 1932 promised submission of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States repealing the Eighteenth Amendment, and it is within the power of Congress to modify the Vol-

stead act so as to legalize the manufacture and sale of beer even before the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Such legislation would give employment directly to many thousands of workmen now unemployed and would benefit all legitimate industries and, thus, prove a stimulus to the return of prosperity; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature of Wisconsin respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to promptly pass an amendment to the constitution repealing the Eighteenth Amendment, and also to enact legislation modifying the Volstead act to legalize the manufacture and sale of beer; be it further

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.

[Jt. Res. No. 10, S.]

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No. 15, 1933.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Regarding legislation to secure the farmers their cost of production.

WHEREAS, The present position of agriculture is the worst it has been in the entire history of the country; farm prices are at the lowest in generations and are still tending downward; dairy products were in December, 1932, twenty-three points below December, 1931; at least one-fourth of all farmers are delinquent in the payment of interest or taxes; and most serious discontent is developing in rural districts, which threatens the safety of government and society itself; and

WHEREAS, The crux of the entire problem lies in the price realized for dairy and other farm products, since manifestly the farmers can not meet interest and taxes and continue to support their families unless they are paid a price for their products which gives them their cost of production; and

WHEREAS, No single state can cope with this problem alone, since competition in the sale of farm products is nation-wide and to some extent worldwide; while the federal government through its control of interstate commerce, foreign affairs and customs