

for the purpose, steps should be taken to promptly relieve the overcrowding in the state prison. Be it further

Resolved, That properly attested copies of this resolution be transmitted upon adoption to the Governor, the state board of control and the state department which shall have charge of the handling of relief funds made available to this state by the federal government.

[Jt. Res. No. 169, A.]

[Deposited July 24, 1933.]

No. 122, 1933.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to profiteering and unwarranted price increases.

WHEREAS, Very great increases are every day reported in the retail prices of a great many necessities, among others, bread, potatoes, groceries, and lumber; and

WHEREAS, Many of these increases are wholly unwarranted as illustrated by the fact that bread prices were increased several days before the process tax under the federal farm relief act, which furnished the excuse for this increase, took effect; and

WHEREAS, These increases in prices more than offset slight increases in wages and also the increases in farm prices; and

WHEREAS, These price increases appear to be the result of unlawful combinations, and Attorney-General Cummings has issued the warning that combinations to fix prices are unlawful unless made in accordance with the National Recovery Act, and Donald Richberg, general counsel of the Recovery Administration, speaking with direct approval of President Roosevelt, has issued the warning that the increase in prices without corresponding increase in purchasing power is certain to lead to another collapse; therefore be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the legislature of Wisconsin hereby directs the department of agriculture and markets to use all of the authority which it possesses to prevent unreasonable increases in prices through unlawful combinations, and further calls upon the department to give publicity through the newspapers and otherwise to all merchants guilty of such unwarranted price increases. Be it further

Resolved, That this legislature respectfully memorializes the Attorney-General of the United States to promptly institute

prosecutions under the federal anti-trust laws against all combinations which in violation of these laws are utilizing the present opportunity to profiteer shamelessly at the expense of the American consuming public. Be it further

Resolved, That properly attested copies of this resolution be transmitted to Honorable Homer S. Cummings, Attorney-General of the United States and to the Wisconsin department of agriculture and markets.

[Jt. Res. No. 177, A.]

[Deposited July 24, 1933.]

No. 124, 1933.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the services rendered by the legislative reference library.

WHEREAS, The legislative reference library of Wisconsin, the first institution of its kind to be established in America, has grown in importance and service until it has become indispensable to members of the legislature as a most valuable and reliable aid in research and in the preparation of bills, amendments, resolutions and other legislative matters; and

WHEREAS, The members of this legislature have made continuous use of the services of this department throughout the present session, which in many respects has been the most strenuous and exacting in the state's history due to the very many important and unprecedented emergency problems requiring consideration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edwin E. Witte, the able and efficient chief of this department, has rendered abundant service to the members of this legislature with absolute impartiality regardless of party affiliations, with a courtesy that is rare, with unflagging zeal and with an industry which has been untiring and unselfish; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the members of this legislature recognize and appreciate the service rendered by the legislative reference library and extend their sincere thanks and expressions of esteem to Mr. Witte and his staff. Be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the journals of both houses and that a suitable copy thereof be transmitted to Mr. Witte.