

**PUBLIC LAWS**

**OF THE**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS,**

**PASSED BY THE**

**TWENTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY,**

**CONVENED JANUARY 7, 1861.**

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**SPRINGFIELD:**  
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since the last meeting of the General Assembly, William H. Bissell, late Governor of Illinois, we, for ourselves and for the people of our State, express our profound regret at the loss which our State and the country has suffered by his untimely death; and we and the people will ever hold in grateful remembrance the memory of one who, by his gallant deeds on the field of battle and his distinguished services, both in the National councils, and as the chief executive officer of our State, has so much honored the State, and has set an example worthy of all imitation,

*Resolved*, That we deeply sympathize with the bereaved family of the deceased; and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the widow and children of the late Governor Bissell, and that the members and officers of the General Assembly will wear crape upon the left arm for the term of thirty days.

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JOINT RESOLUTION in reference to tolls on the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the General Assembly of the State of Illinois that the tolls now charged by the trustees of the Illinois and Michigan canal on lumber, timber, lath and shingles being transported on said canal, are excessive, and detrimental to the true interests of the State; therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Illinois, the House of Representatives concurring herein*, That the State trustee be and he is hereby directed to present to the trustees of the Illinois and Michigan canal, a proposition for a proper reduction of the tolls now charged on lumber, timber, lath or shingles transported on said canal, and that he urge on said trustees the necessity for such reduction, and to provide for a schedule of charges on all freights, consistent with the charges on lumber recommended.

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JOINT RESOLUTIONS on Federal Relations.

WHEREAS, although the people of the State of Illinois do not desire any change in our Federal constitution, yet as several of our sister States have indicated that they deem it necessary that some amendment should be made thereto; and whereas, in and by the fifth article of the constitution of the United States, provision is made for proposing

in amendments to that instrument, either by congress or by a convention; and whereas a desire has been expressed, in various parts of the United States, for a convention to propose amendments to the constitution; therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois,* That if application shall be made to Congress, by any of the States deeming themselves aggrieved, to call a convention, in accordance with the constitutional provision aforesaid, to propose amendments to the constitution of the United States, that the Legislature of the State of Illinois will and does hereby concur in making such application.

*Resolved,* That, until the people of these United States shall otherwise direct, the present Federal Union must be preserved as it is, and the present constitution and laws must be administered as they are; and, to this end, in conformity with that constitution and the laws, the whole resources of the State of Illinois are hereby pledged to the Federal authorities.

*Resolved,* That copies of the above preamble and resolutions be sent to each of our Representatives and Senators in Congress and to the executives of the several States.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, )  
*Springfield, March 14, 1861.* }

I, O. M. Hatch, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing, except the words printed in brackets thus, [ ] (which are inserted for the purpose of correction and explanation,) are true and perfect copies of the enrolled laws and joint resolutions on file in my office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, the day and year aforesaid  
 O. M. HATCH, *Secretary of State.*