

Mr. Reed moved that a joint committee of two Senators and three Representatives be appointed to notify the Governor that the joint session was now ready to receive him.

The motion carried.

The President appointed on said committee Senators Myers and Loomis. The Speaker appointed Messrs. Hull, Gardner and Anderson (John).

Acting Governor Louis F. Hart addressed the joint assembly as follows: (See Senate Journal).

On motion of Senator Sinclair, the joint session dissolved.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Upon invitation of the Speaker, the Governor occupied a seat upon the rostrum.

Mr. Reed:

Mr. Speaker. We have with us today to witness the proceeding which is about to be taken in this House a lady who has made it her life-long work in the advocacy of the justice of the cause to bring about equal suffrage. I believe that this lady is entitled to as distinguished honor as we can render her, and I, therefore, move that Mrs. Emma Smith DeVoe be invited to a seat beside the Speaker of this House, and that a committee be appointed by the Speaker to escort her to the rostrum. (Applause.)

The motion was carried, and the Speaker appointed Mrs. Haskell and Mr. Lucas to escort Mrs. DeVoe to the rostrum.

Mrs. DeVoe was escorted to the rostrum and occupied a seat beside the Speaker.

The clerk read the following:

STATE OF WASHINGTON, OFFICE OF GOVERNOR.
OLYMPIA, March 22, 1920.

To the Honorable, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Washington:

I have the honor to transmit herewith to you a communication from the Secretary of State of the United States, dated June 12, 1919, enclosing a certified copy of a Resolution of Congress, entitled "Joint Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution extending the right of suffrage to women." It provides:

"Article

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

"Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

I desire to recommend to your honorable body that immediate and favorable action on this resolution be taken by you.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS F. HART,
Governor.

Copy of letter and enclosures delivered to House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, June 12, 1919.

The Honorable Governor of the State of Washington, Olympia, Washington.

SIR: I have the honor to enclose a certified copy of a Resolution of Congress, entitled "Joint Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Constitution extending the right of suffrage to women," with the request that you cause it to be submitted to the Legislature of your state for such action as may be had, and that a certified copy of such action be communicated to the Secretary of State, as required by Section 205, Revised Statutes of the United States. (See overleaf.)

An acknowledgment of the receipt of this communication is requested.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant.

(Signed) FRANK L. POLK,
Acting Secretary of State.

Enclosure:

Joint Resolution as above.

SEC. 205. Whenever official notice is received at the Department of State that any amendment proposed to the Constitution of the United States has been adopted, according to the provisions of the Constitution, the Secretary of State shall forthwith cause the amendment to be published in the newspapers authorized to promulgate the laws, with his certificate, specifying the States by which the same may have been adopted, and that the same has become valid, to all intents and purposes, as a part of the Constitution of the United States.—Revised Statutes, 1878.

No. 3794.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

I certify that the copy hereto attached is a true copy of a resolution of Congress, entitled "Joint Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Constitution extending the right of suffrage to women," the original of which is on file in this Department.

In testimony whereof, I, Frank L. Polk, Acting Secretary of State, have hereunto caused the Seal of the Department of State to be affixed and my name subscribed by the Chief Clerk of the said Department, at the City of Washington, this twelfth day of June, 1919.

(Signed) FRANK L. POLK,
Acting Secretary of State.
By BEN G. DAVIS,
Chief Clerk.

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H. J. Res. 1.

SIXTY-SIXTH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;
AT THE FIRST SESSION.

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the nineteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution extending the right of Suffrage to women.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states.

"Article

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

"Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

F. H. GILLETT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOS. R. MARSHALL,

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS.

House Joint Resolution No. 1, by Mrs. Haskell:

JOINT RESOLUTION RATIFYING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WHEREAS, Both Houses of the Sixty-sixth Congress of the United States of America, by a constitutional majority of two-thirds thereof, did adopt a joint resolu-

tion proposing the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which is in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

"Joint Resolution.

"Proposing an amendment to the Constitution extending the right of suffrage to women.

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states.

"Article

"The rights of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

"Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

Therefore, be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That the said proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America be, and the same is hereby ratified by the Legislature of the State of Washington.

SEC. 2. That certified copies of this preamble and joint resolution be forwarded by the Governor of the state to the Secretary of State of the United States, to the presiding officer of the United States Senate, and to the speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States.

SEC. 3. This resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and for the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

The resolution was read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. Reed, the rules were suspended, the first reading was considered the second and third, and the resolution was placed on final passage.

After remarks by Mrs. Haskell, Mr. Conner, Mrs. Colwell and Mr. Hodgdon, on motion of Mr. Hufford, the previous question was ordered.

The clerk called the roll and House Joint Resolution No. 1 passed the House by the following vote: Yeas, 90; nays, 0; absent or not voting, 7.

Those voting yea were: Representatives Adams (Wm. H.), Adamson, Allen, Anderson (John), Anderson (W. M.), Aspinwall, Atkinson, Babcock, Banker, Bassett, Brown, Cantonwine, Coleman, Colwell, Conner, Cross, Cotterill, Davis, Dollar, Elliott, Fawley, Fulton, Gardner, Gellatly, Gilbert, Girard, Gleason, Guie, Happy, Harrison, Haskell, Healey, Hodgdon, Hoff, Hubbell, Hufford, Hull, Jones (James T.), Jones (Roy), Kelly, Kirkman, Kulzer, Ledgerwood, Lincoln, Locke, Lockhart, Long, Lucas, Lunn, Manogue, Mansfield, Marts, McCoy, McMillen, Mess, Miller (Alfred E.), Morris, Myers, Nelson, Norman, Olsen, Pease, Qualheim, Reed, Remann, Roth, Ryan, Sanger, Sawyer, Shattuck, Shields, Short, Siler, Smith, Spencer, Stratton, Swofford, Teter, Thomas, Thompson (H. W.), Trimble, True, Trunkey, Weatherman, Westfall, Wolf, Wormell, Young, Zylstra, Mr. Speaker—90.

Those absent or not voting were: Representatives Bohlke, Grass, Kennedy, Miller (John A.), Moores, Nash—6.

The resolution, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the rules were suspended, and the Chief Clerk was directed to immediately transmit the resolution to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Davis, Mrs. DeVoe was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mrs. DeVoe addressed the House with appropriate remarks.