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JACKSON, TENN.

Whereas the extraordinary problems produced by the war and the coming reconstruction period render it extremely impossible, for the owners of the great wire systems now under Federal control to successfully resume the operation of the same without remedial legislation and the provision of some reasonable period in which to allow for the necessary preparation and readjustment; and Whereas unless some action is taken at this time the properties will be returned to the owners upon proclamation of the President of the ratification of the peace treaties, without any advance notice and without any period for readjustment; and Whereas this would clearly be a manifest injustice to the owners thereof and a menace to the business interests of the country:

Resolved, That this organization, the Jackson Association of Commerce, go on record as favoring the enactment by Congress of some law which will continue the control and operation of such utilities by the Government until Congress shall have studied the question and determined upon a proper and safe procedure to be thereafter followed.

T. A. Embry, Secretary.

WINCHESTER, TENN.

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Resolved, That this organization, the Winchester Chamber of Commerce, go on record as favoring the enactment by Congress of some law which will continue the control and operation of such law by the Government until Congress shall have studied the question and determined upon a proper and safe procedure to be thereafter followed.

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MEMPHIS, TENN.

January 30, 1919.

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