

RESOLUTION No. 17—H. F. No. 1438

A concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact the necessary and appropriate laws to continue the functions of the federal emergency administration of public works and to make the necessary appropriations which will adequately provide for a continued program of public improvements.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of America has from time to time extended the said Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works and augmented the original appropriation of the Congress to further its policy of granting such financial aid for the construction of worthy public projects; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works has effectively and efficiently discharged the mandate of the Congress; and

WHEREAS, the construction of projects of the type financed by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works is not simply a means of reemploying at prevailing wages in the communities concerned idle construction workers on relief work but is a means to stimulate industry in general and to cause the reabsorption of all classes of workers in their normal and chosen occupations while at the same time furnishing municipalities with soundly conceived and soundly constructed, useful projects, designed to meet their social and economic needs, and

WHEREAS, the continuation of such program of public works is necessary in order that further unemployment may be reduced and absorbed by private industry; and

WHEREAS, the records show that there are now on file with the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works in excess of two hundred approved applications for grants submitted by Minnesota municipalities for which no funds have been allotted, although funds are available and earmarked, and

WHEREAS, dispatches indicate that funds will not be allotted for any considerable number of Minnesota projects until Congress has indicated the future course to be pursued by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, the Senate concurring, That the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, the Senate concurring, hereby respectfully request the Congress of the United States to enact the necessary and appropriate laws to continue the functions of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works and to make the necessary appropriations which will adequately provide for a continued program of public improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Secretary of State is authorized and directed to send copies of this resolution to the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, to Honorable John N. Garner, President of the Senate of the United States, and to Honorable William B. Bankhead, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to each of the Senators and Representatives from the State of Minnesota in the Congress of the United States, and to Harold L. Ickes, Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works.

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RESOLUTION No. 18—S. F. No. 770

Concurrent resolution petitioning the Congress of the United States and President Franklin D. Roosevelt, respectively, to pass and approve an amendment to the federal social security act providing for the furnishing of more adequate federal aid to states for the purpose of old age assistance, aid to the blind and aid to dependent children.

WHEREAS, conditions of intense distress throughout the State of Minnesota, produced by economic causes, make imperative the providing of old age assistance, aid to the blind and aid to dependent children; on a vast scale, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative and a necessity for the State of Minnesota and its political subdivisions to provide adequate assistance and aid to needy aged persons, needy blind and dependent children to safeguard their health and welfare, and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and its political subdivisions which in the past have carried the burden of supporting the destitute aged are no longer able to do so on the present basis of federal aid available to the state under the provisions of the Federal Social Security Act, and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and its political subdivisions are in need of more adequate federal aid than is now provided for in the Federal Social Security Act for the purposes of old age assistance, aid to the blind and aid to dependent children to enable the state to provide, on an adequate basis, for the need of the aged, blind and dependent children in this state, and