

or held in trust for Indians, said total including the acreage of the Schermerhorn Ranch above mentioned, with the result that there has been a total estimated tax loss to said county of \$86,437.66 by reason of such acquisition and holding, for the five year period from 1943 to 1947, inclusive; and,

WHEREAS, the financial burden to the State of Minnesota and county within which said lands are located is becoming increasingly serious; and,

WHEREAS, the financial responsibility for the acquisition of said lands for the educational benefits to Indians in agriculture or otherwise, is rightly and justly a federal problem;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, the Senate concurring herein, that recognition be given this problem by the President and the Congress of the United States to the end that appropriate legislation be enacted at the present session to provide for payment by the federal government to the State of Minnesota and Mahnomen County in lieu of taxes on such lands, and further that the lands involved be returned to the tax rolls as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State be instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, and to each member of Congress from the State of Minnesota.

RESOLUTION No. 13—H. F. No. 1565

A concurrent resolution memorializing congress to establish a national cemetery at Birch Coulee Battlefield in Renville County, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, on September 2nd and 3rd, 1862, there was fought at Birch Coulee in Renville County a battle with the Indians of great historic importance, at which soldiers and pioneer citizens, heroically fighting against overwhelming odds, laid down their lives; and,

WHEREAS, said battlefield has been set apart and designated as a state park and cemetery of the State of Minnesota by Laws 1929, Chapter 75; and,

WHEREAS, said battlefield, by reason of its unsurpassed natural beauty and advantageous location is eminently suitable for a national cemetery for soldier and sailor dead, and there is urgent need for such cemetery in this section of the country ;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Congress of the United States of America be and hereby are requested to establish a national cemetery upon said battlefield, and to provide for the acquisition by the United States of the necessary ground therefor, including the ground already set apart as a state park and cemetery, or so much thereof as may be required,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this legislature that in case the Congress shall establish a national cemetery upon said battlefield, the state of Minnesota will cede to the United States that part of said battlefield which has already been set apart as a state park and cemetery and will consent to the acquisition by the United States of such further ground as may be desired for a national cemetery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, properly attested, by the proper officers of both houses, be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of War, the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives, and to each United States senator and member of Congress from the State of Minnesota.

RESOLUTION No. 14—H. F. No. 1221

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to remove federal excise taxes on admissions to semi-professional baseball games and all public and private school athletic events and social activities.

WHEREAS, the federal government has heretofore enacted legislation providing for excise taxes on admissions to semi-professional baseball games, and all public and private school athletic events and social activities, and ;