

A resolution

memorializing Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture to appropriate money and negotiate with the State of Minnesota on the sale and exchange of school trust lands.

WHEREAS, the Federal Government granted the state school trust lands for a source of continued revenue for the betterment of public schools throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the legislature established the Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee to advise the Department of Natural Resources on the management of school trust land; and

WHEREAS, the school trust lands in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness do not generate any revenue to the permanent school fund; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it affirms the recommendation of the subcommittee to the Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee to support negotiations with the United States Forest Service on the sale and exchange of school trust lands in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it affirms the recommendation of the Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee to include in those negotiations a hybrid model that would provide for both the sale and exchange of school trust lands in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness for Federal lands outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to transmit copies of this memorial to Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Director of the United States Forest Service.