

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

NUMBER I.

A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE STATE AND HARBOR OF DULUTH.

WHEREAS, By authority and legislation of this state, by large grants of land, and liberal privileges granted to the Lake Superior & Mississippi and Northern Pacific railway companies, the said Lake Superior & Mississippi railway has been entirely, and the Northern Pacific in part, constructed to their natural and most eligible connection with the waters of Lake Superior in the state of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, The expectations of the people of this state are now being rapidly realized by the cheapening of rates of transportation, by construction of said roads and by perfecting and developing the harbor system at the head of Lake Superior, thus organized by the policy and legislation of the state; and

WHEREAS, The city of Duluth, in the furtherance of this policy, has, acting in conjunction with and under the direction of the war department, expended large sums of money in the improvement of said harbor by constructing a canal through Minnesota Point, and construction of a dyke across Superior Bay, said works of improvement being wholly within the state of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, The state of Wisconsin, by various acts of unfriendly legislation and interested political and official influence, is attempting to destroy and render useless said harbor thus made at great expense and under the warrant and direction of the war department of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The maintenance of said policy and harbor system, especially said canal and dyke, is essentially required to make a safe and commodious harbor at the head of Lake Superior, as well as to

make, hold and protect the only port and harbor of this state on said lake ;

Therefore, resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

That the governor be authorized to take such necessary steps as will protect the interests of the state of Minnesota in the premises, and command the services of the attorney general in any action instituted affecting said harbor system, and retain and employ such other able counsel as he may deem advisable, and otherwise act as in his judgment may fully and completely protect the interests of the state and harbor of Duluth in said matter, and that the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the public treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying any expenses that may be incurred in carrying out the foregoing resolution, the same to be paid out on the order of the governor.

Approved January 23, 1873.

NUMBER II.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PERMIT WIDOWS WHO LOST THEIR HUSBANDS IN THE LATE SEVERE SNOW STORMS TO RECEIVE PATENTS ON THEIR HOMESTEADS FORTHWITH.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

WHEREAS, Many men who lived on homesteads lost their lives in the snow storm which commenced on the seventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and

WHEREAS, A number of these men had families dependent on them for support ; and

WHEREAS, Several of these families are in such condition that they cannot at present live on their homesteads, but must go to relatives or friends for help or remove to some city or village to engage in something that will ensure them support ; and

WHEREAS, It would be a great injustice to these unfortunate families should they be deprived of their homesteads ; therefore,