

NUMBER VII.

A JOINT RESOLUTION ASKING CONGRESS TO CAUSE A SURVEY TO BE MADE OF THE WATER ROUTES BETWEEN THE NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE MINNESOTA RIVER AND THE RED RIVER OF THE NORTH, TO ASCERTAIN THE FEASIBILITY OF CONNECTING THE TWO BY CANAL.

WHEREAS, Surveys have been made of the Minnesota river and of the Red River of the North, and measures are progressing for improving the navigation of said rivers. That said surveys and improvements are not made with a view of connecting said rivers, and making a continuous system of water navigation; and

WHEREAS, Between the points of possible steamboat navigation on said rivers there is nearly a continuous water route, via Big Stone Lake and Lac Traverse, and also via the Pomme de Terre and Otter Tail rivers, by either of which routes a canal would complete the water communication, and afford cheap transportation between an extensive producing region and the markets; therefore

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

That congress is hereby requested to survey the said water routes between the navigable waters of the Minnesota river and the Red River of the North, to ascertain the feasibility, and estimate the cost of constructing a canal of sufficient capacity for the ready transportation of articles of merchandise:

Approved February 12, 1874.

NUMBER VIII.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CAUSE LIGHTS TO BE PLACED IN OR NEAR THE SOUTH PORCH OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING.

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota: