

WHEREAS, Under the homestead law, as now existing, persons so making homestead filings are required to make actual settlement thereon within six months from the date of filing thereon; and

WHEREAS, By reason of the early winter, the severity of the climate and the scarcity of fuel on our western frontier, it will be impossible, in many cases, for those who made their filings during the said months of September and October, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty (1880), to reach their homesteads or construct houses thereon sufficient to protect them and their families from the rigors of a cold climate, within six months from the date of their said filing. Therefore, by reason of the premises aforesaid, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are hereby requested to use their influence to secure the passage of an act extending the time for actual settlement until the fifteenth (15th) day of May, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (1881), in all cases where homestead filings have been made between the first (1st) day of September and the first (1st) day of November, in the year A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty (1880), both days inclusive.

That the Secretary of State be requested to forward immediately to each of our said Senators and Representatives a certified copy of the foregoing resolution.

Approved February 12, A. D. 1881.

NUMBER 10.

JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE STATE TREASURER TO DESTROY CERTAIN MINNESOTA STATE RAILROAD BONDS OWNED BY THE STATE.

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION. 1. That the State Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to cancel and destroy certain Minnesota State Railroad Bonds, owned by the State and now in his possession, being bonds numbered one thousand six hundred and fifteen (1615), one thousand six hundred and sixteen (1616), one thousand six hundred and seventeen (1617), one thousand six hundred and eighteen (1618), one thousand six hundred and nineteen (1619), one thousand six hundred and twenty-one (1621), one thousand six hundred and forty-three (1643), one thousand six hundred and forty-four (1644), one thousand six hundred and forty-five (1645), one thousand six hundred and forty-six (1646), one thousand

five hundred and eighty-one (1581), one thousand five hundred and eighty-two (1582), seven hundred and ten (710), seven hundred and eleven (711) and two hundred and eighty-six (286). That the same shall be destroyed in the presence of the State Auditing Board, in the same manner as other State bonds that have been paid; and the same evidence of the cancellation and destruction of said bonds shall be filed as is now required by law as the practice of the department in case of other bonds.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March, 5, 1881.

NUMBER 11.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING OUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS TO SUPPORT A PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT LAWS.

THAT WHEREAS, the people in large portions of the State of Minnesota are compelled to use what is known as the driven well in obtaining water on their lands, and barbed wire fencing in enclosing their lands, and,

WHEREAS, the settlement of this State and development of its resources would be very materially retarded if such means of improvement were withheld from the people, and,

WHEREAS, said driven well and barbed wire fencing is claimed to be covered by letters patent of the United States, the validity of which is disputed, and,

WHEREAS, it is impossible for our people to determine the validity of the various claims for royalty made and threatened to be made against them for the use of said driven well and barbed wire fencing, therefore,

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

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are requested to use their utmost effort to secure the passage of the bill now understood to be pending in Congress for the protection of innocent purchasers of patented articles and especially to see that our people are relieved from liability to claims of patentees whose rights cannot be determined, and be it further *resolved*, that the Secretary of State upon the passage of this resolution, forward to each of our Senators and Representatives a certified copy of the same.

Approved March 3, 1881.

NUMBER 12.

A Memorial to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, would most respectfully represent, that