

NUMBER 10,

[H. F. No. 167.]

MEMORIAL.

To the Congress of the United States in Senate and House Assembled:

The Legislature of Minnesota in senate and house assembled, sends greeting as follows:

WHEREAS, The state of Minnesota, located in the heart of the continent, remote from the seaboard, and its million and a quarter of people largely dependent upon the production of wheat which must find a market in distant states or foreign countries, over long railway routes or unimproved waterways, and meet competition in the markets of the world from the products of the cheap labor systems of other countries, especially from India and Russia, and

WHEREAS, The expenses of transporting our product under the present system of railway transportation or the imperfect waterways are such as to render production unprofitable as well as expensive to the consumers, and at the same time affording undue advantages to our competitors in other countries, and

WHEREAS, We firmly believe that the natural waterways which extend from our state to the markets of the world by the lake route to the east and the Mississippi river to the south, when properly improved, the cost of transportation would be so greatly reduced as to enable this people to command a reasonable recompense for their labors, and

WHEREAS, The meagre appropriations heretofore made by congress for the improvement of our rivers and harbors, as well as the canals which connect us with the markets, have resulted in the constant decrease in the expenses of transportation until the bulk of all our products now find their way to market by water at less rates than would be possible to expect on railways without water competition, and

WHEREAS, We further believe that by more liberal allowances to enable the engineers of the United States army to carry out their well devised plans for the improvement of these several water routes, as contained in their several reports, will still further reduce the cost of transportation on all that we send out or bring in, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the name of the people of Minnesota we do most earnestly memorialize and petition the congress of the United States to make such liberal appropriations for the carrying of these much needed works and enable the engineers to complete them within the shortest possible time, and thus afford to this people minimum rates of transportation.

That our senators be instructed and our representatives be requested to use all possible effort to secure at the present session

liberal allowances for the work on the upper reaches of the Mississippi; the Reservoir System; the Minnesota River; the Red River of the North; the St. Croix and Chippewa Rivers; the Harbors of Lake Superior; the Sault Ste. Marie Canal; Hay Lake Chanel; St. Clair Flats, together with such other works as shall tend to open up our water routes to and from the markets of the world.

That a copy of this memorial be forwarded to each of our senators and members of congress.

Approved January 22, 1887.

NUMBER 11.

[H. F. No. 156.]

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONGRESS RELATING TO THE EXTENSION OF THE PENSION ARREARS ACT.

WHEREAS, The arrears of pension act of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine (1879), provides that all pensions granted or applications filed on or after July first (1st), one thousand eight hundred and eighty (1880), shall commence on the date of filing; and

WHEREAS, Many brave and disabled soldiers were denied arrears under this act, and without any cause for this exclusion; and

WHEREAS, Pensions granted should be commensurate with the period of disability, without regard to the time of filing of application; therefore

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

That congress be requested to repeal so much of said act as limits the arrears of pensions to applications filed prior to said date of July first (1st), one thousand eight hundred and eighty (1880); and that said act be so amended as to extend such limit according to the recommendation of the national pension committee of the grand army of the republic, so as to remove said limits.

That congress, at the present session, be respectfully requested to pass the pension acts recommended by the national pension committee of the grand army of the republic;

That the secretary of state be and is hereby requested to send certified copies of this resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved March 1st, 1887.