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A JOINT RESOLUTION ASKING IMMEDIATE ADJUSTMENT OF LAND GRANTS TO RAILROADS IN THIS STATE.

WHEREAS large areas of land in this state have been granted to railroads, and WHEREAS, in consequence of which, still larger areas have been withdrawn from settlement, for the purpose of making good to said companies any deficiency which might possibly arise in the adjustment of said grants by reason of sales or prior claims of settlers, and WHEREAS, all of these railroads have long since been completed and in operation, notwithstanding which all of said grants still remain unadjusted, and WHEREAS, these lands have remained withdrawn and untaxed for from twenty (20) to thirty (30) years, to the great detriment of the state and the settlers residing on the even sections adjoining said lands, and WHEREAS, year after year, the people and the Legislature of this state have repeatedly petitioned Congress for some action in this matter, to have the same decided, so that settlers could obtain title to said lands either from the government or the railroad companies to which said lands might be awarded; therefore,

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

That the interest of the state, and the citizens, requires that all land grants to rail roads in this state should be adjusted at the earliest possible day, and that our senators and representatives in congress are requested to use all honorable means to secure an immediate adjustment of said grants, and that they urge upon congress, the necessity of instructing the secretary of the interior to cause the immediate adjustment of said grants, so that the lands may become subject to settlement or sale, and taxation.

Resolved further, That the secretary of state be, and is hereby requested to forward a copy of this resolution to our senators and representatives in congress, at as early a day as practicable.

Approved Feb. 12, 1887.