

the house, whose duty shall be to investigate and report at this session of the legislature the feasibility and cost of a system of navigable waterways, connecting existing and established waterways.

Approved February 26, 1891.

NUMBER 7.

[S. F. No. 12.]

JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE GUARANTEE OF BONDS BY THE UNITED STATES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SHIP CANAL THROUGH THE ISTHMUS OF DARIEN OR PANAMA.

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

That any guaranty by the United States of the payment of the principal or interest of one hundred millions (100,000,000) of bonds, or any other amount, or of the bonds of private individuals or corporations of any sum or amount whatever, for any purpose whatever, is unwise, improvident and seriously detrimental to the public interests, and especially to the great producing masses of the United States, and is but another scheme of capital and capitalists to draw from the producing classes of the country, into the treasury of the United States, vast sums of money, and then so dispose of the same as to inure to the private benefit of a very small number of the wealthier class and capitalists; and that the state of Minnesota earnestly and solemnly protests against the application of any public money and against the pledge of the faith and the credit of the United States for any object or any purpose other than to meet the necessary current expenses of the government, or to secure rights and properties which shall vest immediately and directly in the United States upon payment being made therefor; and insist that, if the public interests require the construction of a canal through the isthmus of Darien or Panama, that the same be constructed directly by and be owned and operated by the United States government directly, and not by a private corporation or the stockholders thereof, after the same is paid for by the United States.

Opposing
guaranty of
bonds for ship
canal.

Resolved, Second, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be transmitted forthwith by the governor of this state to each senator and member in congress from the state of Minnesota, and that each be requested to use his influence and cast his vote against any act or resolution guaranteeing any bonds or other obligations of private individual,

individuals or corporations, whether public or private, and against pledging the faith and credit of the United States for the payment of any debts or obligations other than those of the government contracted in the ordinary course of the administration thereof, pursuant to the authority of the congress of the United States first obtained therefor.

Approved February 24, 1891.

NUMBER 8.

[S. F. No. 341.]

A JOINT MEMORIAL TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES.

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Memorial to
congress for a
legal holiday in
honor of Co-
lumbus.

WHEREAS, Every inhabitant of the United States of America, as well as of both the continents of North and South America, is under incalculable and life-long obligations to Christopher Columbus for the profound conceptions, the heroic persistence and daring which led to the discovery of the New World, and gave the oppressed populations of Europe an opportunity to escape from the crushing burdens of kingcraft and aristocracy; and

WHEREAS, The time is rapidly approaching when the human family is about to celebrate that marvelous discovery of "the world-seeking Genoese;" Therefore,

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That the congress of the United States be and the same is hereby memorialized to declare, by law, the anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, to wit, October twelfth (12th), a day of national thanksgiving, on which the people of the United States shall express their gratitude to Almighty God for the life and services of the illustrious navigator and explorer.

Resolved, That our senators are directed and our representatives in congress requested to urge this measure upon the attention of the present session of congress before its adjournment.

Resolved, That the secretary of state is hereby directed to furnish copies of this memorial to the president of the senate of the United States and the speaker of the house of representatives and to all our delegation in congress.

Approved March 16, 1891.