

The governor of this state is hereby requested to forward copies of these resolutions and this memorial to our senators and representatives in congress and to the postmaster general.

Approved April 8th, 1895.

NUMBER 13.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

[S. F. NO. 673.]

State bound-
ary line.

A joint resolution authorizing the appointment of commissioners to confer and treat with similar commissioners on the part of the state of Wisconsin, in relation to changing a portion of the boundary between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Whereas, the city of Duluth, in Minnesota, and the city of Superior, in Wisconsin, at the westerly extremity of Lake Superior, though separated by state lines are geographically and essentially one city, close in community of interest and already connected by several bridges spanning the grand harbor common to both.

And while nature has especially favored these cities in placing at their doors immense deposits of rich iron ores in the Missabe and Vermilion ranges, vast forests of pine and hardwoods, the great water power of the St. Louis river, and the richest agricultural lands on the continent, the genius of man within the past fifteen years has supplemented these advantages by building two modern cities of which any nation might be proud, both already widely known for their commercial and manufacturing importance, containing at this time a combined population of one hundred thousand, being the termini of eight distinct railway systems, having a flouring mill capacity second only to Minneapolis, a grain elevator capacity in advance of Chicago, a saw mill capacity the greatest on the lakes, and larger coal docks, iron ore docks, merchandise docks, ship yards and manufacturing plants than any other point in America; and,

Whereas, it is believed that the welfare of the communities at the head of Lake Superior in the counties of St. Louis and Carlton, in Minnesota, and Douglas in Wisconsin, and especially that of the people of Duluth and Superior, would be promoted and their material and social interests advanced, the credit of each improved, and their taxes and expenses reduced, by having

but one set of public officials, one port collector, one fire department, one lighting plant, one water supply plant, one street car system, free bridges, one board of trade, one method of grain inspection, one code of laws and ordinances, and one general interest in all things.

Provided, the state lines which now divide them and hinder and hold back their commercial and industrial development, were obliterated and they were united parts of one jurisdiction embracing within its limits one proud city having for its common harbor the noble bays of St. Louis, Superior and Allowes; and,

Whereas, these cities and communities may be brought together, their undue burdens, hindrances and difficulties removed and their mutual good subserved, by annexing to the state of Minnesota that part and portion of the state of Wisconsin lying north and west of the Brule and St. Croix rivers (or such portion thereof as may be deemed advisable), being about twenty-eight townships out of the county of Douglas and one township out of the county of Burnett, and placing the state line where its location was for a time under consideration before the present boundary lines were adopted. Therefore

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

That the governor of the state be and he is hereby authorized to appoint, within thirty days after the adoption of this joint resolution, commissioners, as hereinafter provided, to meet, treat and confer with like commissioners from the state of Wisconsin, with respect to the change of boundary lines and union of the cities herein mentioned, and to report to the Legislature at its next general session their conclusions and recommendations thereon, with full facts and information relative thereto, touching and including financial, industrial and commercial statistics, population, public sentiment, terms, time, conditions, plans, legislation and proceedings essential to bring about such change or modification of boundary lines, and consolidation of the cities and communities named, together with any and all other facts and data bearing upon the subject.

Duluth and
Superior.

Such commissioners shall be five in number, and shall be selected, two from the city of Duluth and two from the state at large, and the governor shall, ex officio, be a member and chairman of such commission.

Their conferences and meetings shall be had when possible in the cities herein named.

Resolved, the Legislature of the state of Wisconsin is hereby respectfully requested to give its consideration

to the subject of these resolutions, and invited to appoint like commissioners in this behalf with full power to meet and act with the commissioners herein authorized by the state of Minnesota.

Resolved, that the secretary of state is hereby directed to transmit to the governor and legislature of the state of Wisconsin certified copies of these resolutions immediately after their adoption.

Approved April 13th, 1895.

NUMBER 14.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

[H. F. NO. 883.]

Seeds.

Joint resolution of the Minnesota legislature relating to the distribution of seeds by the United States department of agriculture and the state experiment stations.

Whereas, the distribution of seeds from the national capitol by the department of agriculture has proved such a cumbersome, impractical and inefficient method of assisting farmers in procuring new and useful seeds, bulbs and plants that the secretary of agriculture, with the approval of the president, has recommended to congress that each state be given its quota of the appropriation for seeds to be used by their respective experiment stations in distributing seeds; and that the experiment stations be given the same privilege of mailing seeds free to farmers as is now allowed the department of agriculture; and

Whereas, the Minnesota experiment station has obtained from all parts of the world numerous varieties of seeds and plants especially adapted to the farmers of this state and has originated other promising kinds;

Method of distribution.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the house of representatives and the senate of the State of Minnesota most heartily endorse the recommendation of the secretary of agriculture and believing that such change in the method of seed distribution would greatly benefit this state, we urgently request our senators and representatives in congress to do all in their power to aid in making such change;

Resolved, that the secretary of state be and he is hereby instructed to transmit to each of our senators and representatives in congress a copy of this resolution.

Approved April 23rd, 1895.