

# MEMORIALS

AND

## JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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### CHAPTER 399.

S. F. No. 401.

*To the honorable the senators and representatives in congress from the States of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.*

Memorial to congress for aid in draining the Red River Valley of the North.

*Resolved* by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

*Whereas*, the Committee on Resolutions, appointed by the Tri-State Drainage Association in mass convention, held at Crookston, Minnesota, January 17, 18 and 19 1901, reported as follows:

Crookston, Minnesota, January 19, 1901.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of Tri-State Drainage Association:

Your Committee on Resolutions respectfully submit the following report:

*Whereas*, there now resides in the valley of the Red River of the North and its tributaries, nearly 1,000,000 of people, and the valuation of the property therein approximates \$1,000,000,000; and

*Whereas*, over 20,000,000 of acres embraced in said area are not only assessed, but subject to damage and overflow during the high water seasons, and the lives of the residents thereof endangered by fevers and kindred diseases resulting therefrom; and

*Whereas*, the loss (lives not considered) as a result of said overflows and lack of proper drainage and flowage of water, has for many years averaged approximately the sum of \$500,000 annually; and

*Whereas*, by the expenditure of the sum of \$1,000,000 all necessary surveys could be made and a system of locks, dams and reservoirs be constructed, and in addition thereto over 700 miles of water ways be opened to navigation; and

*Whereas*, the section of country to be benefited is capable of maintaining at least 5,000,000 of people, if the improvements herein suggested could be made; therefore,

*Be it resolved* by the delegates in convention here assembled, representing each and every part of the territory embraced in the said Red River Valley of the North, and its tributaries, which includes a part of North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota, Congress of the United States be, and hereby is, petitioned and urgently requested to appoint a federal commission, to consist of three persons, one each from the states of North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota, to investigate the work and matters above mentioned, in conjunction with a committee from Congress, and to report at the next session of that body.

Resolution adopted.

J. ARBUTHNOT,  
Chairman Committee,  
J. P. MATTSON,  
Secretary of the Convention.

*Therefore*, this state being deeply interested in the consummation of the improvements contemplated in this Memorial;

*Be it resolved* by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota that it fully concurs in the foregoing, and respectfully requests the representatives from this state in both branches of Congress, to co-operate with the States of Minnesota and South Dakota, they being interested with us, in urging upon Congress the necessity for appointing the federal commission, prayed for in the foregoing resolution; and we further urge the legislatures of these states to take into consideration the recommendations of the Drainage Convention, which appointed a committee to secure the co-operation of the interests of the people along the drainage streams, and call a convention after Congress adjourns, to meet at Fargo, or some other convenient or central place, to which shall be invited the United States senators and congressmen of each of the three states, to meet and confer with said Drainage Convention, with a view to a full and free discussion of the facts and necessities of the work of Congress is asked to direct, and bring the matter properly before the national authorities.

*And be it further resolved*, that we invite these three states to also concur in this Memorial and request their

delegations to congress to co-operate with ours in seeking the speedy relief sought for.

The secretary of state is hereby instructed to send certified copies of this Memorial, without delay, after its passage, to the senators and representatives of these three states directly interested. Also a copy each to the president of the senate of Minnesota and South Dakota.

Approved April 9, 1901.

#### CHAPTER 400.

H. F. No. 77.

A Memorial from the Legislature of Minnesota to the Congress of the United States, asking the submission of an amendment to the constitution, conferring power in Congress to define, regulate, prohibit and dissolve trusts, etc.

Memorial to congress to prohibit and dissolve trusts.

*Resolved* by the House of Representatives of Minnesota the senate thereof concurring, that the Congress be, and is hereby memorialized to propose and submit to the legislatures of the several states for ratification, an amendment to the constitution of the United States, conferring power in the Congress to appropriately legislate to define, regulate, prohibit or dissolve trusts, monopolies, and combinations whether existing in corporate or other form; *Provided*, that such amendment reserve to the several states the right to continue to exercise such power, in any manner not in conflict with the laws of the United States.

*Resolved*, that the secretary of state be and is hereby requested to transmit certified copies of this memorial to the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress, and copies to each senator and representative therein from Minnesota.

Approved Feb. 25, 1901.

#### CHAPTER 401.

H. F. No. 320.

A joint memorial and resolution to Congress relating to the construction of federal buildings in the second class postoffice cities of the State of Minnesota.

Memorial to congress for federal buildings in second class post office cities.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

*Whereas* ample and generous appropriations have been made for federal buildings in the larger cities of the states of the Union, whereby many buildings have been erected, which are enduring monuments to the generosity of the