

tra session of the legislature of the State of Minnesota, for convenient reference thereto, and that to accomplish such purpose, this resolution and the preambles thereto be printed and published with the laws passed at the present extra session of the legislature of the State of Minnesota

Approved March 11, 1902.

## CHAPTER 100.

S. F. No. 88.

### JOINT MEMORIAL AND RESOLUTION.

*To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.*

Your memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, voicing the sentiment of the people of this state, that the particular relief to be afforded by the measures hereinafter mentioned, not only to a large number of worthy citizens, but to all affected by and having the interests of the postal service at heart, justifies the enactment of said bills into law, do respectfully recommend and request the passage of senate file 1345, a bill to classify the salaries of clerks employed in first and second class post offices, and senate file 1346, a bill to provide for eight hours work for post office employees (or the counterparts thereof, house file numbers 5286 and 5287); and to that end, be it

Joint resolution to congress. Salaries of postal clerks.

Resolved, By the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House concurring, that our senators and our representatives in congress are hereby respectfully requested, to use their best efforts in securing the passage of the bills above mentioned.

Approved March 11, 1902.

## CHAPTER 101.

S. F. No. 54.

*A memorial to the Congress of the United States by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, relating to the bill (S. 3575) to increase the powers of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, introduced in the Senate of the United States by Senator Knute Nelson, on February 5th, 1902.*

Memorial to congress, Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Whereas, The power and right to "regulate commerce among the several states," given by the constitution to congress, has, by repeated decisions of the supreme court, been held to include the right to fix reasonable maximum rates for common carriers engaged in the transportation of such commerce; and

Whereas, The congress attempted to delegate its power in this regard to the inter-state commerce commission and attempted to give said commission the necessary authority for that purpose; and

Whereas, The Supreme Court of the United States has recently decided that the act creating the said inter-state commerce commission is seriously defective and incomplete, and that while said act confers on said commission the power to declare existing rates unreasonable, it does not give said commission the power to prescribe a tariff of reasonable rates to replace those found to be unreasonable; and

Whereas, Since said decision, there is no tribunal having the power to correct any unreasonable rates or classifications of freights, in the domain of inter-state commerce; and

Whereas, One of the most important functions of the government is thus suspended, and immediate legislation is imperatively necessary to clothe said inter-state commerce commission with adequate power to regulate inter-state commerce and to prescribe reasonable maximum rates for the transportation thereof, and the State of Minnesota as well as the entire Northwest is vitally interested in the enactment of such a law; and

Whereas: The Bill (S. 3575) introduced February 5th, 1902, in the Senate of the United States by Senator Knute Nelson, contains all of the provisions necessary to invest said Inter-State Commerce Commission with the powers needed for the purposes aforesaid, and said bill is, therefore, one of the most important bills now before Congress.

*Therefore be it Resolved*, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that we heartily endorse said Bill (S. 3575) and respectfully urge the early passage of the same by the Congress of the United States, and be it further resolved, that we endorse and approve the action of Senator Nelson in introducing and advocating said Bill.

*Resolved, further:* That a copy of this Memorial be sent by the Secretary of State, to each member of Congress from Minnesota and to the President of the Senate of the United States.

Approved March 10, 1902.