

CHAPTER 102.

S. F. No. 35.

A joint memorial by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, recommending the passage of H. R. 27, to reclassify the Railway Mail Service.

Memorial
to congress,
Railway
Mail
Service.

Whereas; it is the sentiment of the people of the State of Minnesota, that the Railway Mail Service should be reclassified, therefore,

Resolved, that the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring, do hereby request our Senators and Representatives in Washington, to use their best efforts to assist in passing H. R. 27, the same being the bill introduced by Representative Tawney to reclassify the Railway Mail Service.

Approved February 28, 1902.

CHAPTER 103.

S. F. No. 4.

A Memorial to Congress by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota respecting the Five Per Cent of the minimum price of the public lands that have been appropriated as compensation for military services rendered the United States since the admission of Minnesota into the Union.

Memorial
to congress,
seeking
payment
for public
lands.

Whereas, the Enabling Act passed by the Congress of the United States, and Approved by the President, February 26th, A. D. 1857, providing for a convention to form a constitution for the State of Minnesota, and for the admission of such State into the Union, contained a compact that if the said convention which shall form the constitution of said State shall provide, by a clause in said constitution, or an ordinance, irrevocable without the consent of the United States, that said State shall never interfere with the primary disposal of the soil within the same by the United States, or with any regulations congress may find necessary for securing a title in said soil to bona fide purchasers thereof; and that no tax shall be imposed on lands belonging to the United States; and that in no case shall non-resident proprietors be taxed higher than residents, all which said convention which formed the constitution did so provide, then that five per cent of the net proceeds of sales of all public lands within said State, which shall be sold by congress after the admission of the said State into the Union, after deducting all the expenses incident to the same, shall be paid to said

State for the purpose of making public roads and internal improvements, as the legislature shall direct.

And, Whereas, after the terms of said compact had been complied with by the State of Minnesota, congress disposed of a large proportion of said public lands in making compensation for military service rendered the United States, to the extent of many millions of acres, and has failed and refused to state an account in favor of or to pay to the State of Minnesota five per cent of the minimum price of said lands so disposed of, after deducting all expenses incident to the sale of the same, whereby the United States has become indebted to the State of Minnesota to the extent and in the sum of about five hundred thousand dollars, and congress, though solicited, has failed to make the necessary appropriations to enable the accounting officers of the Treasury to state and pay this account so justly due.

Therefore, Resolved, By the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, that the Congress of the United States be and hereby is memorialized and requested to take such action as will carry into effect the terms of the compact aforesaid on the part of the United States, and to make provision for the payment of five per cent of the minimum price of the public lands that have been so appropriated since the admission of Minnesota into the Union, by the way of bounty land warrants and in compensation of military service rendered in the army of the United States, in the same manner and to the same extent as if said lands had been disposed of for cash.

Approved February 15, 1902.

H. F. No. 105.

CHAPTER 104.

JOINT MEMORIAL AND RESOLUTION.

To the Honorable, The Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

Memorial
to congress,
Salaries
of postal
clerks.

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 sen-