

Be it Resolved, By the house of representatives, the senate concurring, that it is deemed advisable, and that it will be worth while, that speedy and due inquiry and investigation be made into the feasibility of and the practicability of the said suggested internal waterways developments and improvements, and the probable cost thereof and such inquiry and investigation is hereby recommended in order that due consideration of results which may be derived therefrom may be given thereto by a succeeding legislature of this state.

Approved April 13, 1909.

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12.

WHEREAS, Fallen trees and tree-tops and sand bars and other obstructions which have gathered and formed around and about the same at many and various places in the channel of the lower Minnesota river, seriously clog the channel thereof, and seriously impede and practically make impossible the natural navigation thereof, and operate to destroy the navigation thereof and the natural commerce thereon, and, moreover, in the seasons of the high waters thereof, necessarily cause numerous destructive overflows of said river at many and various places and in many and various localities in the valley thereof, destroying annually hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of the cultivated crops of the valley thereof; and

WHEREAS, It is supremely necessary and of paramount importance that said obstructions be early and effectively removed from the channel of said river in order to promote the natural and profitable navigation thereof and develop the natural commerce thereon, and in order to prevent, and such removal is necessary to prevent, the annual, frequent and destructive overflows thereof, as aforesaid, and in order to prevent the great annual loss and damage inflicted upon the settlers along said river valley resulting from the overflows of the said river and which are caused by the obstructions above referred to; and

WHEREAS, The said river and the channel thereof, and the care thereof, are under the jurisdiction of the United States government, said river being classed as navigable; therefore

Be it Resolved, By the house of representatives, the senate concurring, that our representatives in congress be, and they hereby are, requested and urged to forthwith use their influence and utmost endeavor without delay to secure from the congress of the United States authority for the use of, and appropriation necessary for the early use of, government dredges and snagboats sufficient and adequate for the purpose of the early and complete

removal from the channel of the said river of all sand-bars and other obstructions therein materially obstructing or impeding or preventing or making impracticable the natural navigation thereof, or materially injurious to the natural commerce thereon or which necessarily cause the destructive overflows thereof; and

Be it further Resolved, That an authenticated copy hereof be mailed to each of our said representatives.

Approved April 13, 1909.

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13.

Resolved, By the house of representatives of the state of Minnesota, the senate concurring, that it is the sense of the people of the state of Minnesota that in the revision of the tariff now about to be undertaken, lumber and lumber products and coal should be placed on the free list. The legislature of Minnesota therefore respectfully requests the representatives of the state in the two houses of the national congress to use their best efforts to the end that these two necessities, both largely controlled by monopolistic corporations, may be placed on the free list.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this joint resolution, duly certified, be forwarded to each representative and senator in congress.

Approved April 13, 1909.

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14.

Resolved, By the house, the senate concurring, that invitations be hereby extended to Gen. Lafayette Young, editor of the Des Moines Daily Capital, and Hon. John MacVicar, also of Des Moines, former president of the League of American Municipalities, to address a joint session of the senate and house, Wednesday evening, March 31, or at some early date, convenient to them, upon the nature and operation of the commission plan of city government, now in force at Des Moines.

Resolved, further, That copies of this resolution, suitably engrossed and attested by the officers of the senate and house, be sent to Gen. Young and Mr. MacVicar.

Approved April 13, 1909.