

## JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7.

WHEREAS, There is a general demand by the people of the United States and of the people of the state of Minnesota for better and more permanent public roads; therefore,

*Be it Resolved*, By the senate of the state of Minnesota, the house concurring, that it is the sense of the people of this state that owing to the increase in population, the increase of the products of the farm, seeking a market in reciprocal exchanges for manufactured articles, the increased wealth of our country, coupled with the extension of the rural free delivery mail carrier service of the general government, which is now recognized as a fixed and permanent policy of the federal government, furnishes sound reason why the general government should aid in the improvement of the public highways of the several states and territories, and the congress of the United States is hereby memorialized to extend some such aid by the appropriation of a percentage of the cost of such permanently improved main highways throughout the different states and territories of the Union where and whenever a state and the several counties thereof shall by statute extend a like aid in so improving their main highways, under such conditions and restrictions as may be by said congress determined upon and deemed advisable.

*Be it further Resolved*, That it is the sense of the people of the state of Minnesota that an annual appropriation of at least \$50,000,000 for a long term of years would do more to advance the betterment of the whole people of the United States than would the expenditure of a like amount of money for any other purpose.

*Be it also further Resolved*, That the secretary of state be and is hereby directed to forward a copy of this memorial to the senate and house of representatives of the United States, in congress assembled.

Approved March 3rd, 1909.

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JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8.

*Joint memorial to Congress, requesting the senators and representatives of the State of Minnesota, to oppose the passage of the bill for the federal inspection of grain, known as the McCumber bill.*

WHEREAS, There has been introduced into congress a bill providing for the federal inspection of grain, known as the McCumber bill, and

WHEREAS, The passage of this bill would result in an increased burden of expense upon the producer of grain, and would also result in great confusion in the grain business in the state of Minnesota, due to the operation of two separate and distinct systems of grain inspection, now therefore,

*Be it Resolved*, By the senate, the house of representatives concurring, that the passage of this proposed bill for federal inspection of grain is against the interests of the producer of grain in the state of Minnesota, and the senators and representatives of congress for the state of Minnesota are hereby requested to oppose the passage of said bill.

*Be it further Resolved*, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the senate and house of representatives of the United States in congress assembled, and to each of the senators and representatives of congress for this state by the secretary of state.

Approved February 8th, 1909.

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#### JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9.

WHEREAS, By joint resolution, this legislature has proclaimed the interests of the commonwealth of Minnesota, in a waterways canal from Lake Superior to the Mississippi river and the canalization of said great river highway, and has pledged co-operation with the federal government in the promotion and construction of such state and national work of improvement in the interests of both state and national development;

*Resolved*, By the house of representatives, the senate concurring, that a commission, to be known as the "Lake Superior and Mississippi river canal commission," be and is hereby created and established, consisting of five citizens of Minnesota, of whom the governor shall be one, and who shall appoint said commissioners to serve without pay;

That the duties of said commissioners shall be to ascertain the feasibility of the construction of such waterways canal from the head of Lake Superior and the upper Mississippi river, via Brainerd, Little Falls, St. Cloud, Minneapolis and St. Paul, as to give continuous water transportation from Lake Superior to the Gulf of Mexico;

That said commission are authorized to use any and all reasonable means within their power to induce the federal authorities to commence and prosecute to an early survey and location of such canal, and to take such action as in their judgment they may deem wise in obtaining information and facts desired or of value, and in particular to ascertain, first, distance and approxi-