

foulest blot upon modern civilization and is no more justifiable than personal combat between individuals; now, therefore,

*Be it Resolved*, By the senate, the house of representatives concurring, that the President of the United States be and is hereby petitioned to invite negotiations with all the governments with which the United States has or may have diplomatic relations to the end that all differences and disputes arising between any of these governments which cannot be adjusted by diplomatic agencies shall be referred to a permanent court of arbitration and be adjusted by such means. Questions to be submitted for such arbitration shall include those which involve "the vital interests, the independence or the honor of the contracting parties." And,

*Be it further Resolved*, That the senators and representatives of congress for the State of Minnesota are hereby instructed to urge the adoption by congress of a resolution, similar in purport and effect with the one hereinbefore set forth; and

*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 6, 1911.

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#### JOINT RESOLUTION No. 7.

*A joint resolution of the legislature of the State of Minnesota, providing for the appointment of a committee of the senate and house of representatives to investigate certain irregularities in the conduct and administration of the affairs of the State Agricultural Society and to report their conclusions to the legislature.*

WHEREAS, A report of an auditing committee to investigate the affairs of the State Agricultural Society has been submitted to the senate and house of representatives by the governor; and

WHEREAS, Said report shows certain irregularities to have existed in the conduct of the affairs of such society; and

WHEREAS, Said irregularities and other charges of a serious character have been taken up by the press of the state and spread broadcast; and

WHEREAS, There has been much criticism of the method of the organization and conduct of the business of the said State Agricultural Society, and there is a demand for legislation put-

ting the said State Agricultural Society on a more orderly and business-like basis;

*Resolved*, By the senate, the house concurring, that a joint committee of five, consisting of two from the senate and three from the house of representatives, be appointed by the presiding officers of each respective body to investigate the affairs of the State Agricultural Society and that said committee be empowered to summon and examine witnesses, administer oaths, and a legislative stenographer be assigned to the committee when required, and do such other things as are necessary for a proper investigation and that it report its conclusions and recommendations to the senate and house of representatives, and that the testimony taken be returned to the house.

Approved February 15, 1911.

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#### JOINT RESOLUTION No. 8.

*Urging the United States senators from the State of Minnesota to vote for and use their best endeavor to have passed H. R. No 29360, being the Sullaway pension bill now pending in the United States senate.*

WHEREAS, The house of representatives of the federal congress passed the Sullaway pension bill increasing the pensions of the old soldiers who served in the Mexican and Civil wars, being H. R. No. 29360; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Minnesota legislature deem it a just and proper recognition of the services and sacrifices made by the brave men who fought in those memorable struggles; now, therefore,

*Be it Resolved*, By the house of representatives of the State of Minnesota, the senate concurring:

Section 1. That we earnestly urge upon the two senators from this state, the Honorable Knute Nelson and Moses E. Clapp to support and vote for said bill and use their best endeavor to have the same passed and become a law.

Approved February 23, 1911.