

## JOINT RESOLUTION No. 9.

*Joint resolution appointing a committee to confer with committee from legislature of Wisconsin relative to settlement of boundary dispute between the State of Minnesota and the State of Wisconsin; and matters incident thereto, and to submit recommendations in regard thereto and appropriating money therefor.*

WHEREAS, A controversy has arisen and exists between the State of Minnesota and the State of Wisconsin as to the location of the boundary line between said states where the same runs through that part of the Mississippi river known as Lake Pepin; and

WHEREAS, A similar controversy has arisen and exists between said states with reference to the waters near the mouth of the St. Louis river; and

WHEREAS, The controversy as to said Lake Pepin, so called, involves the jurisdiction of said respective states over the rights of fishery in said Lake Pepin; and

WHEREAS, A suit has been instituted by the State of Minnesota against the State of Wisconsin, in the United States supreme court to fix and determine the boundary line between said states where same extends through said lake; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable that pending the determination of said suit in said supreme court the laws regulating the taking of fish in said lake should be uniform in each of said states and that if made uniform the enforcement of the laws of each of said states in the waters of said lake will be greatly simplified and retaliatory prosecutions avoided; and

WHEREAS, It has also been suggested that the boundary disputes aforesaid may be adjusted and settled by a convention between said states, to be ratified by the federal congress; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that the legislature of Wisconsin will appoint a committee similar to that hereinafter provided for, to consider said matters; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That there be and there is hereby created a joint committee consisting of three representatives to be designated by the speaker and two senators to be designated by the lieutenant governor, to confer with a similar committee of the legislature of the States of Wisconsin, if one be appointed, and to act in the premises aforesaid and to report to the legislature any proposed settlement of the location of said boundary at the places above recited and their recommendation in regard thereto, and also to report any proposed legislation which may be agreed

on between said committees providing for uniform laws in each of said state regulating and licensing the taking of fish from the waters of said Lake Pepin. That such committee have power to summon witnesses, compel the production of books and papers, and take testimony in relation to the matters hereinbefore specified, and that such committee report their doings hereunder and recommendations to the present session of the legislature at as early a date as may be.

Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary for the use of said committee.

Approved April 19, 1911.

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### JOINT RESOLUTION No. 10.

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

That the following application to the congress of the United States of America, applying to congress to provide for calling of a convention to propose an amendment to section three (3) of article one (1) of the constitution of the United States, so that the United States senators from each state shall be elected by the direct vote of the qualified electors of each state be, and the same is hereby adopted:

To the Honorable Congress of the United States of America represented in senate and house of representatives:

The legislature of the State of Minnesota hereby applies to your honorable body to provide for the calling of a convention to propose an amendment to section three (3) of article one (1) of the constitution of the United States of America, so as to provide therein that the United States senators from each state shall be elected by the direct vote of the qualified electors in each state, and to further provide for the ratification of said proposed amendment by the several states as made and provided for in article five (5) of the constitution of the United States.

That said application shall be signed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives, and attested by the chief clerk of each house, and a certified copy thereof, duly authenticated, shall be sent by the secretary of state to the president of the senate of the United States and the speaker of the house of representatives of the United States, to each member of the delegation in congress from this state, and to the legislature of each state in the United States.

Approved March 4, 1911.