

RESOLUTION No. 13.

A concurrent resolution authorizing the railroad and warehouse commission to investigate, determine the proper method of requiring the purchaser of grain, subject to dockage, to reimburse the producers and to report to the next legislature its findings as to proper legislation to enact for that purpose.

WHEREAS, Under the present standards of grading grain, wheat, rye and flax are subject to dockage or a weight discount for foul seeds, weed seeds, foreign material and other substances other than the grain which is being graded, and

WHEREAS, Such dockage has a recognized commercial value after being cleaned from the grain.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the house of representatives of the state of Minnesota, the senate concurring, that the railroad and warehouse commission before the convening of the next session of the legislature institute an investigation to determine the proper method of requiring the purchaser of grain, which is subject to dockage, to reimburse the producers for the same and to report to the next legislature its findings as to the proper legislation to enact for the purpose.

Approved April 25, 1919.

RESOLUTION No. 14.

Joint resolution memorializing congress of the United States to enact legislation requiring aliens residing in foreign countries, desiring admission to the United States, to make application to authorized representatives of the United States in such foreign countries, and providing for an investigation by such representatives.

WHEREAS, The present system of admitting aliens to our land by examination after they arrive is illogical and inimical to the best interests of our country and work a hardship on those who seek admission because having reached our shores before any physical or other tests have been applied or any investigation or effort been made towards their proper location in this country, they are thrown into the maelstrom of our social, economic and industrial system; and,

WHEREAS, Neither property nor a literacy qualification for admission conserve the best interests of the United States or of the persons seeking admission for the reason that many prospective immigrants to the United States have insufficient means at their disposal to pay for the passage of themselves and other members of their family and have a sufficient amount on hand after landing at an American port to meet the property tests, or, in a large num-

ber of instances the opportunity for gaining the necessary education may not have been afforded them, yet in either case they may, because of their being thoroughly honest, reliable, and industrious become good citizens and an honor to any community. On the other hand, many people with criminal tendencies and evil habits may be able to pass the most rigid property and literacy test, gain admission to the United States and augment the already too numerous undesirable forces of anarchy and bolshevism that are now menacing our civil liberty and free institutions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That we, as the senate and house of representatives of the state of Minnesota, request the United States senate and house of representatives to pass a measure by the terms of which it shall be necessary for a person seeking admission to the United States, first to make application to some authorized representative such as our consul or other person provided and living nearest his place of residence in the foreign land at least three months prior to the time when he shall wish to embark for this country. The United States representative shall be instructed to make a careful investigation of the applicant seeking admission, and upon being satisfied that said person would make a good citizen of the United States he shall then issue to him a passport admitting him to the port of his choice when he shall be permitted to proceed to the point indicated by the advice of the representative. It shall be the duty of the representative also, to find the vocation for which the applicant is best suited and to give him assistance in selecting the locality where he will best fit.

The representative shall have in his possession information relative to farm lands in the various states and of the various kinds of industries offering labor and other opportunities where a man may be able to find immediate employment for which he is best suited.

Now, while President Wilson is busily engaged in framing treaties with foreign countries, he should so arrange that no alien should be admitted without having first been examined by the representative of the United States at the foreign port nearest the residence of such alien so that all immigration may be controlled through our foreign representative in a logical manner, and after such immigrants shall have arrived in this country, they shall not be herded in the congested districts at the ports of entry, but they shall be properly distributed throughout the United States so that the individual may have the best opportunity of becoming a loyal and integral part of our institutions and that our country may best profit by their coming. We also request that every member of our United States senate and house of representatives from this state be urged to give his active support to this measure and embody the principles

herein contained in the immigration bill now pending in our national congress whereby all immigration is restricted in the coming four years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded officially to the speaker of every house of representatives and presiding officer of every senate now in session in the United States and a copy submitted to every governor in our country.

Approved April 25, 1919.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

I, Julius A. Schmahl, Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing Session Laws, proposed amendments to the constitution of Minnesota, and joint resolutions, passed and adopted by the legislature of 1919, have been compared with the enrolled copies deposited in the office of the secretary of state, and they are true and correct copies of said enrolled laws, proposed amendments and joint resolutions.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the state at the capitol, in St. Paul, this 5th day of May, A. D. 1919.

(Seal)

JULIUS A. SCHMAHL,

Secretary of State.