

struction work, and to prevent the further employment of such persons in such work, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to United States Senators Knute Nelson and Frank B. Kellogg, and that they be and they hereby are urgently requested to investigate the subject of this memorial, and to use all possible means to bring about a discontinuance of the use of persons who did the fighting for reconstruction work, and to obtain the speedy discharge of Minnesota citizens in the army engineer corps and in other branches of military and naval service of the United States who are now being utilized for reconstruction.

Approved March 27, 1919.

RESOLUTION NO. 9.

A concurrent resolution relating to a request and demand for a modification of the federal grades of grain and to the establishment and promulgation of Minnesota grades on grain raised in this state and transported in intrastate commerce.

WHEREAS, the board of grain appeals at Minneapolis and the board of grain appeals at Duluth, are required by statute to meet annually in joint session on or before September 15, and establish the grades of all grain subject to state inspection to be known as the Minnesota grades; and

WHEREAS, the said boards of grain appeals at a meeting heretofore held adopted and designated as the Minnesota trades, applicable to all grain subject to state inspection, certain grades which were promulgated by an agency of the federal government and commonly known as federal grades; and

WHEREAS, said federal grades of grain have proven to be too technical for the country grain buyers to comply with, have generally been considered by the grain growers of the state as the cause of great financial loss to them, and the moisture content of wheat specified therein so low that it is difficult of ascertainment and practical application; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota grades of grain established by said board of appeals, prior to the adoption of the said federal grades as Minnesota grades, were better adapted to the grain which is subject to state inspection in the state of Minnesota and were more satisfactory to the growers and buyers of such grain; and

WHEREAS, a price for the wheat of the crop of the year 1919 has been guaranteed by the federal government and that such price has been based on the federal grades, which grades must control the grading of all grains in this state as long as such guaranteed price is in force; and

WHEREAS, there exists an urgent necessity for an immediate modification of such federal grades in order to prevent further loss to the grain growers of this state;

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the senate of the state of Minnesota, the house concurring, that a request and a demand is hereby made to and upon the bureau of markets at Washington, D. C., for such modifications of said federal grades as the said boards of grain appeals shall recommend, and that in the event such modifications are not granted, that said boards of grain appeals be and they are hereby requested to establish and promulgate as Minnesota grades of grain such modifications of the federal grades as shall be just and equitable to the grain growers of this state, such grades to apply only to grain grown in this state, transported in intrastate commerce and subject to state inspection, and such grades to become effective only upon the expiration of the price guarantee of the federal government on wheat.

Approved April 15, 1919.

RESOLUTION NO. 10.

A joint resolution offered by Richard Hamer, who moves its adoption.

WHEREAS, the motor vehicle and other motors using the same or similar fuel have become such an important factor in the economic life of today; and

WHEREAS, the efficient use of all such motors depends upon the use of a fuel that is of good, or at least of fair quality; and

WHEREAS, there is at present no general standard of quality for such commodity in our own state, and in but few, if any, of the other states in the Union; and

WHEREAS, this condition leaves the consumer without any adequate guarantee of quality in purchasing motor gasoline; and

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota, as well as other states similarly situated in relation to the supply of this commodity, is subject to a serious disadvantage in any effort it may make to adopt and enforce any standard of grade for motor gasoline;

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the legislature of the state of Minnesota, that the congress of the United States be requested to adopt and enforce, at the earliest opportunity, through the fuel department, or otherwise, a standard of motor gasoline according to specifications as recommended by the committee on standardization of petroleum specification in its report of October 2nd, 1918, and published in Bulletin No. 1, a copy of which is hereunto attached;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be transmitted to the speaker of the house of representatives; that another be transmitted to the president of the senate of the congress of the United States, and also that copies be sent to each representative of the state of Minnesota in the United States senate and the house of representatives.