

Congress, to the Secretary of Agriculture, to each member of the President's Agricultural Commission, to each member of the committee on Finance in the Senate, to each member of the committee on Ways and Means in the House of Representatives, to each member of the committee on Agriculture in the Senate, to each member of the committee on Agriculture in the House of Representatives, and to each senator and representative from the State of Minnesota, in the Congress.

Approved January 29, 1925.

RESOLUTION No. 4--S. F. No. 213.

A concurrent resolution memorializing Congress of the United States to so amend the act of Congress known as the Packers and Stockyards Act so as to prohibit states furnishing stockyards service from being discriminated against in favor of private agencies.

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has for several years past and still has laws regulating and supervising public stockyards located in said state, all of which were enacted before the Packers and Stockyards Act, and under which laws the state maintains a supervisor of public stockyards in charge, a competent staff of weighers of live stock, with an expert supervisor of scales in active duty; and

WHEREAS, since the enactment of the Packers and Stockyards Act there has been more or less conflict between the federal and state agencies, resulting in litigation as to the right of the state to continue to furnish such stockyards service, with the result that final judgment has been entered in the state court permitting such state service; and

WHEREAS, in order to remove all doubt as to the right of the state to continue to perform such service, which service has met with the full approval of all shippers of live stock to terminal markets in said state, certain amendments to said Packers and Stockyards Act were introduced at the sixty-eighth Congress, first session, which amendments are known as H. R. 4823, being an act to amend Section 406, and H. R. 4824, being an act to amend Section 304 of said Packers and Stockyards Act; and

WHEREAS, at public hearings had before the Agricultural Committee of the House of Representatives on said bills H. R. 4823-24 an understanding was had whereby the question of whether or not the Secretary of Agriculture could permit the state to continue to furnish such service should be by him submitted to the Attorney General of the United States, and if a ruling thereon would be to the effect that such co-operative regulation could be continued and the state continue to furnish such service under said Packers and Stockyards Act as at present, the state would not press said amendments for enactment, while, on the other hand, if an adverse ruling

was given by said Attorney General then such amendments should be promptly recommended for enactment; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of the United States, under date of December 22, 1924, has rendered his opinion in said matter, and a copy thereof just received by said state, to the effect that under Section 304 of said Act the stockyards company is required to furnish reasonable stockyards service and that under said section the state is expressly precluded from furnishing the same or any stockyards service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House concurring, that we most urgently petition and earnestly request the Agricultural Committee of the House of Representatives to promptly and favorably report said H. R. 4823-24, and that Congress of the United States promptly consider and enact said amendments so introduced pursuant to understanding had as hereinbefore set out, to the end that the State of Minnesota furnishing such stockyards service shall not be discriminated against in favor of private agencies therefor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Agricultural Committee of the House of Representatives, the Agricultural Committee of the Senate, the Secretary of Agriculture and to each senator and representative of the State of Minnesota in Congress.

Approved January 29, 1925.

RESOLUTION No. 5—H. F. No. 271.

Joint resolution relative to the Norse-American Centennial to be held on the Minnesota state fair grounds in June, 1925.

WHEREAS, the year 1925 marks the 100th anniversary of the real beginning of Norse immigration to this country and of the coming of the Norwegian sloop "Restaurationen," which brought the first large group of Norwegian immigrants to our shores, and;

WHEREAS, in commemoration of this event a celebration of national and international scope is now being arranged by the Norse-Americans of this country, to be held on the Minnesota State Fair Grounds June sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth this year, and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota has a larger number of people of Norse descent than any other state and it is recognized that these people braved the hardships of frontier settlements from our territorial days and up thru the first decades of our statehood and thus played an important part in transforming this and other northwestern states from a wilderness to one of the best developed and most progressive sections of our great country and that they and their descendants