

with the Dominion of Canada in this matter, and it is altogether likely that the Canadian authorities would be willing to enter into an arrangement with the United States by which the two governments would be able to do the dredging and other work jointly with a proportionate share of the expense to be apportioned to and borne by each; and

WHEREAS, the expense of this undertaking would be a sum far beyond the paying ability of the owners of the lands affected, and part of the lands covered by the basin of the Roseau River are Government lands subject to homestead entry and which, if they were improved by this proposed channel would become valuable lands and largely increased in value;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Congress of the United States be and it is hereby memorialized to enact such legislation as may effectuate the purposes and relief hereinbefore set forth to the end that joint action may be taken by the Government of the United States and the Dominion of Canada." and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. *That copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the proper officers of both Houses, be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of War, the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives and to each Senator and Representative from the state of Minnesota in the Congress."*

Approved January 20, 1927.

RESOLUTION No. 3—H. F. No. 64

A joint resolution memorializing the President of the United States relative to the St. Lawrence seaway.

WHEREAS, a joint board of engineers representing the United State and Canada have officially and unanimously declared ship channel connection between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic by way of the St. Lawrence to be practical, and

WHEREAS, The St. Lawrence Commission of the United States appointed to determine the need of such a seaway has unani-
mously declared, in its report to the President made December 27, 1926, that:

"The construction of the shipway from the Great Lakes to the sea is imperative both for the relief and for the future development of a vast area in the interior of the continent" and that:

"It has been estimated that the value in a single year to the farmers alone would equal the capital cost of the waterway"

and that: "The economic importance of the improvement would be far greater than the savings made upon the actual tonnage transported, important though that would be."

And

WHEREAS, the extension of the commerce of the State of Minnesota, the development of her resources, her present prosperity and her future welfare all demand world trade contacts by way of direct low cost ocean transportation to and from the markets of the world, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence seaway would give to the State of Minnesota ocean ports on the Great Lakes; would give direct ocean transportation with wider and lower cost of movement to world markets; would increase the demand for her products, and would thereby assure to her agriculture now depressed, and in particular to her grain, dairy and live stock producers, a marked degree of permanent relief from present excessive transportation costs and a more favorable basic price for all farm production, and

WHEREAS, such seaway would permanently lower her transportation charges both on exports and on imports and would thereby stimulate the development of her present mining and manufacturing industries, invite new enterprise, and would generally assure to her citizens an enlarged and abiding prosperity,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, the Senate concurring, that we do most earnestly urge upon the President of the United States the imperative national need of the St. Lawrence seaway, and further express to him the earnest desire of this state that immediate steps be taken for the negotiation of a treaty with Canada to that end, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives, the Chairman of the St. Lawrence Commission, to the Secretary of the Commerce Commission of the United States, and to each of the Senators and Representatives from the State of Minnesota in the Congress.

Approved January 21, 1927.

RESOLUTION No. 4—S. F. No. 336

WHEREAS, We learned from the daily press and from Veterans Bureau information that it is the intention of Frank T. Hines,