

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.

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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,

Director of the United States Veterans Bureau, to close both Hospital No. 65 (Aberdeen) and Hospital No. 68 (Asbury) as well as to remove service men from contract hospitals and state institutions as soon as the new Hospital No. 102 at Fort Snelling is opened or immediately thereafter, AND,

WHEREAS, There are at present 966 men hospitalized in Veterans Bureau hospitals, 102 men in contract hospitals and state institutions, with an additional 208 men on the waiting list, making a total of 1276 men either hospitalized or asking for hospitalization, AND

WHEREAS, The combined capacity of Hospital No. 101 at St. Cloud and Hospital No. 102 at Fort Snelling is at present 794 beds, it is apparent that the program outlined by the Director will result in an actual shortage of 274 beds exclusive of the 208 requests for hospitalization by men on the waiting list, AND,

WHEREAS, We understand that one of the buildings at the new Fort Snelling hospital under the present program of the Director, is to be used as a Regional Office, AND,

WHEREAS, This building is constructed for use as a hospital unit of about 83 beds, AND,

WHEREAS, Medical statistics prove that the service men hospital load in this state has remained constant for the past four years and will not diminish for some years to come, AND,

WHEREAS, Veterans Bureau records show that there are 1,814 service men with tuberculosis in addition to those at present hospitalized fifty percent of whom will need further hospitalization of an emergency or permanent nature, AND,

WHEREAS, Veterans Bureau records shows that there are 1,710 service men in the state of Minnesota rated incompetent for various causes in addition to the men at present hospitalized and twenty percent of these will need additional hospitalization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of Minnesota and the House of Representatives concurring, that we respectfully petition the President of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, and the Director of the U. S. Veterans Bureau, Frank T. Hines, to make use of every bit of available space at Fort Snelling for beds; that they do not at the present time transfer to the Hospital the Regional Office and personnel; and that they maintain until such time as additional necessary beds have been constructed at Hospital No. 101 and Hospital No. 102, either Hospital No. 65 or Hospital No. 68 in order that the disabled service men of this state may be adequately cared for.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to President Coolidge, Director Hines, members of the Minnesota delegation in Congress, and Watson B. Miller,

Chairman of the American Legion National Rehabilitation Committee.

Approved February 3, 1927.

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RESOLUTION No. 5—S. F. No. 515

*A concurrent resolution memorializing the President, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of War, and the Congress of the United States, relative to Senate Bill No. 3027 and House Bill No. 4548.*

WHEREAS there is now pending in the Senate of the United States Senate bill No. 3027, known as the Tyson Bill, and the same bill is now pending in the United States House of Representatives, designated as House Bill No. 4548; and

WHEREAS both of said bills provide for the retirement of disabled emergency Army officers on equal pay and under the same conditions provided for the retirement of disabled Regular Army officers and disabled emergency officers of the Navy and Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS all officers disabled in line of duty in the service of the United States during the World War are allowed to be retired on 75 per cent of the pay given their rank at time of disability, except the emergency Army officers disabled in line of duty during the World War; and

WHEREAS it is simple justice to the officers who served during the emergency of the World War as emergency officers of the United States Army and who were disabled to receive the same benefits accorded disabled emergency officers of the Navy and Marine Corps;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Congress be and they hereby are most earnestly requested to give their approval to and pass Senate bill No. 3027 or its companion bill in the House, being House bill No. 4548, or some other measure designed to give relief to said disabled emergency officers as provided in said bills, with such further and additional action toward final approval by the President as may be necessary, and that such action be taken before adjournment of the Congress now sitting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President, to the Secretary of State, to the Secretary of War, to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Congress, and to each Senator and Representative from the State of Minnesota, in the Congress.

Approved February 16, 1927.