

RESOLUTION No. 1—S. F. No. 30

A joint resolution memorializing the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States relative to the passage of H. R. 7729.

WHEREAS, there is now pending in the Congress of the United States H. R. 7729, a bill to divest goods, wares and merchandise manufactured, produced or mined by convicts or prisoners of their interstate character in certain cases, which bill if passed and approved by the President will effectively cripple and destroy the twine and farm machinery industry now operated by the State of Minnesota at the State Prison in Stillwater, Minnesota, for the reason that said plant cannot be successfully operated if the products produced therein cannot be sold to farmers in states outside Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, for many years past the farmers of the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana have saved many millions of dollars by reason of the operation of said twine and farm machinery industry by the State of Minnesota because they have been able to purchase said products at prices materially lower than the same could be purchased from any other source; and

WHEREAS, the farmers of the Northwest, including the states above named, have for many years been laboring under many serious economic disadvantages and in particular have suffered seriously from high prices of all their requirements by reason of which the agricultural industry is seriously depressed. The fact that farmers in such states have been able to obtain twine and farm machinery manufactured and sold by the State of Minnesota constitutes the only real practical farm relief which has been extended to them; and

WHEREAS, the farmers of the Northwest and of the State of Minnesota have by their constant watchfulness and support of the twine and farm machinery department of the State of Minnesota preserved the same from efforts which have been made from time to time by competitors and others to throttle and destroy said industry; and

WHEREAS, said bill should be amended so as to permit twine and agricultural machinery to be manufactured and sold by any State upon its own account as distinguished from said products being manufactured by a contractor and that such products be permitted to be transported and sold in any other State or Territory.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the Congress of the United States be and is hereby urgently petitioned to amend said bill as above indicated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that in case said bill is not so amended as to except therefrom twine, farm implements and machinery manufactured by the State of Minnesota that we most earnestly urge upon the President of the United States that said bill be returned to Congress without the executive's approval and that the same be vetoed unless the same be so amended.

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

Approved January 17, 1929.

RESOLUTION No. 2—H. F. No. 26

A concurrent resolution memorializing the President of the United States, the President-elect and the Congress of the United States that it is the sense of the members of the Minnesota Legislature that National Legislation should not be enacted curtailing State rights with respect to transportation and with respect to the grain growing industry.

WHEREAS, the tendency toward government encroachment upon the sovereign rights of the states has been steadily increasing, during the past few years, to such an alarming extent that state lines and boundaries are rapidly disappearing, and

WHEREAS, the fundamental principle advanced by the framers of our federal constitution designed to preserve state rights appears to have been totally submerged in the scheme of bureaucratic despotism now in control of national affairs; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has been, and is being seriously injured by these encroachments, and its citizens damaged and their business enterprises seriously impaired; and