

expense, and relieve dissatisfaction and great suffering among large numbers of the residents of the State of Minnesota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Minnesota respectfully petitions the Honorable, the President of the United States, and the Congress of the United States, that appropriate action be taken to permit claimants their day in court; that their grievances may be adjudged by a judicial tribunal; and that the Department of Justice be authorized to substitute and promote an equitable adjustment of claims for the grievous delay and needless expense which thus far has characterized the Lake of the Woods proceedings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Joint Resolution be forwarded to Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, to Hon. John N. Garner, Vice President of the United States, to Hon. Henry T. Rainey, Speaker of the House of Representatives 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 April 17, 1933.

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RESOLUTION No. 21—H. F. No. 1764

*A concurrent resolution to investigate certain matters relating to the defeat of the Income Tax amendment in the general election of 1932, and to investigate the source of money, and the influence and the persons or corporations giving money for the purpose of either passing said amendment, or defeating the same.*

WHEREAS, Charges were generally made in the State of Minnesota that certain interests were spending vast sums of money to defeat the Income Tax Amendment, which was submitted to the voters of Minnesota at the general election of 1932, and

WHEREAS, It is generally known that large sums of money were spent in page advertisements in the daily press of the Twin Cities, urging the voters to defeat said amendment, and

WHEREAS, It is generally reported that certain organizations were formed for the purpose of defeating said amendment and that it is known that some of said organizations paid large sums

of money for advertisements appearing in the daily press and in the sending out of literature for the purpose of defeating said amendment, and

WHEREAS, It is well known that said organizations were financed by certain interests who desired the defeat of said amendment, and

WHEREAS, The investigation hereinafter provided for is necessary to obtain information as a basis for legislative action and for the enactment of legislation with reference to said matters:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that a Joint Committee consisting of Three members appointed by the House and Three members appointed by the Senate, be appointed for the purpose of making an investigation of the foregoing matters and of all contributions and expenses for or against other constitutional amendments or candidates for state office. For the purposes of this resolution such committee is authorized to hold hearings, and to sit at such times and places as it may deem advisable; to require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers and documents as it deems advisable; to administer oaths and take testimony and to make expenditures not exceeding the amount hereinafter specified; to employ counsel if it deem such employment necessary, stenographic assistance to report the testimony taken at the hearings to be held by the committee, and such other assistance as it deems advisable; and to report to the Legislature its findings and recommendations.

Every person who, having been summoned as a witness by authority of said committee, shall refuse or neglect, without lawful excuse, to attend pursuant to such summons, or who, having appeared, wilfully refuses to be sworn or to affirm, or to answer any material and proper question, or to produce, upon reasonable notice, any material and proper books, papers or documents in his possession or under his control, shall be liable to the penalties prescribed by Sections 38 and 10003, Mason's Minnesota Statutes 1927.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee be, and it hereby is authorized to spend a sum not to exceed (\$1000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry on the work contemplated by this resolution.

Approved April 20, 1933.