

Section 1. That the said proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America be and the same is hereby ratified by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota.

Section 2. That the secretary of State be and he is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this preamble and joint resolution to the presiding officer of the United States Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and that he transmit official notice hereof to the secretary of state of the United States, as provided by the law of this state.

Approved December 14, 1933.

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### RESOLUTION No. 3

*A concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress to enact legislation to protect American industry and the employees thereof against cheap foreign labor and products.*

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and the City of Cloquet are directly interested in the manufacture of matches to the extent of several hundred persons being employed in that city in this industry, and

WHEREAS, the dumping of foreign made matches—notably from Japan—in this country, at prices which preclude competition by American made matches, under the present standard of American living and wages, and

WHEREAS, It will require governmental action against underpaid foreign labor, and drastic regulation against the product of people who work for a few cents a day and live almost wholly upon rice and fish, and

WHEREAS, high labor costs in the American industry and very low labor costs in foreign match manufacturing countries have made it impossible to compete in any other country with foreign match manufacturers, and

WHEREAS, the American match industry has never had real tariff protection, and

WHEREAS, this industry has been continually harassed by unfair importations of misbranded, mismarked, and inferior quality dumped matches, and

WHEREAS, foreign match manufacturers have been guilty of unscrupulous practices by coloring the splints and so reducing the duty paid to one-third or less of the amount intended by congress, and

WHEREAS, during the past three years the government has seen fit to prevent dumping of matches by nine European countries and Japanese importations have increased from 8,629 gross in June, 1932, to 399,700 gross in September, 1933, an increase of 4,532%, and

WHEREAS, women in the Cloquet match factory under the N.R.A. are paid 30 cents per hour while women in Japanese match factories are paid 3 cents per hour, and

WHEREAS, under present conditions, working under the Match Code, paying the high wages that the American industry does, competing with the low cost matches from Japan and other countries, it is impossible for American manufacturers to compete and continue running, unless something can be done in the near future, and

WHEREAS, in the City of Cloquet, as a result of this unfair competition, 250 people have lost their employment, and the factory may suspend work permanently until the United States government gives added protection against these foreign importations, and

WHEREAS, if this suspension of operation takes place, the farmers of northern Minnesota and Wisconsin will lose from \$55,000 to \$84,000, annually, which is now paid to them,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives, of the State of Minnesota, the Senate concurring herein, that we hereby respectfully petition and urge Congress to pass appropriate legislation to protect this American industry and its employees by preventing the dumping of these unfair products, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chief clerk be instructed to forward a copy hereof to each of the senators and representatives of the State of Minnesota in Congress of the United States, and a copy each to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House at Washington.

Approved December 21, 1933.