

working an unjust discrimination against Middle West industries and employment:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that Congress be memorialized to eliminate the long-and-short-haul clause from the Fourth Section of the Interstate Commerce Act, or to modify the same so as to effectively permit railroads to establish rates to the Pacific Coast from the Middle West which will enable Middle West industries to meet the competition of eastern manufacturers using water transportation through the Panama Canal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to both houses of the legislatures of North and South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois, to the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the National House of Representatives, the senators and congressmen from the State of Minnesota.

Approved February 20, 1935.

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#### RESOLUTION No. 13 (S. F. No. 368)

*Memorializing Congress to authorize the states to tax sales and gross income and/or gross receipts arising from transactions in interstate commerce.*

WHEREAS, the tax burden upon real estate and tangible personal property is at this time the heaviest in the history of the State of Minnesota and in many instances amounts to confiscation, and a similar situation exists in many other states in the nation; and

WHEREAS, by reason of economic conditions and of the necessity of appropriations for relief in the State of Minnesota and throughout the nation, it has become imperatively necessary for the State of Minnesota and other states to seek new sources of revenue, such as the sales tax and the gross income tax, and to use the revenue thus received in part to relieve the unconscionable burden now resting upon real estate and tangible personal property; and

WHEREAS, neither sales taxes nor gross income taxes may be imposed upon transactions in interstate commerce and thus many billions of dollars of income from sales and gross receipts entirely escape such taxation by the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring, that we earnestly urge the Congress of the United States to pass appropriate legislation so that the several states may have power to tax sales and gross income arising from interstate commerce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State is hereby directed to send a duly authenticated copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each member of the Senate and Congress from the State of Minnesota.

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RESOLUTION No. 14 (H. F. No. 437)

*A concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact a federal anti-lynching law.*

WHEREAS, more than 15 citizens of the United States in widely scattered sections of the country have been lynched during the past year, though a great decrease over the previous year, yet sufficient to cause public expression of condemnation thereof to be made throughout the land; and

WHEREAS, lynching is an unlawful deprivation of the rights of the citizens to the protection of Article VI of the amendments to the Constitution of the United States which reads as follows:

"In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the States and Districts wherein the crime shall have been committed, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense."

Article XIV of the Amendments of the Constitution of the United States of America, which reads, in part, as follows:

"Nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws" and

WHEREAS, lynching and mob violence tend to promote a general disregard for law and order and to undermine the