

WHEREAS, the work to be done to complete said project is much less expensive than that part of the work already completed, and,

WHEREAS, there is a great need for employment in the State of Minnesota, and,

WHEREAS, there is some opposition in the Congress of the United States to the appropriation of sufficient funds to complete the canalization of said Mississippi River,

THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Senate of the State of Minnesota the House of Representatives concurring that we respectively petition the Congress of the United States of America to immediately appropriate sufficient funds to complete the canalization of said Mississippi River.

It is hereby further resolved that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Representative and Senator from the State of Minnesota.

Approved January 16, 1935.

RESOLUTION No. 3 (H. F. No. 63)

Memorializing Congress to fix a minimum price on farm products.

WHEREAS, the financial returns from the farming industry or occupation in the State of Minnesota have been such that the people engaged in this pursuit are practically bankrupt, demanding immediate drastic action, and

WHEREAS, the farmers are the largest buyers of commercial products in the nation and a return of their purchasing power is essential before we can have any general and lasting return of prosperity, and

WHEREAS, in view of the price-fixing opportunities given by national legislation to industry, and in view of the curtailment of farm production in the face of a consumption need that exceeds the production capacity of Agriculture at its peak, except for wheat,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we urge Congress to pass legislation directing the Secretary of Agriculture to fix

minimum prices upon basic farm commodities at not less than the average cost of production as a prerequisite to any plan or program for production control of such basic farm commodities.

Approved January 25, 1935.

RESOLUTION No. 4 (H. F. No. 83)

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 through the employment of several hundred persons in that city in this industry, and through several hundred farmers of Carlton, St. Louis, Lake, Itasca, Cook, Crow Wing, Aitkin, Cass, Koochiching and Pine Counties, and

WHEREAS, there is now pending before the President of the United States a reciprocal treaty with Sweden whereby an attempt is being made to lower the duty, now imposed on matches, and to increase the quota of matches that Sweden be permitted to ship into the United States, and

WHEREAS, the greater part of the match business is found in the competitive manufacturing of the strike-on-box match, rather than in the sale of the same to the ultimate consumer, and

WHEREAS, the labor cost, incurred in the manufacturing of said match, in the American industries, always relatively higher than the labor cost of the foreign match, has been increased in the American industry under the N. R. A. to an even higher relative level, to-wit: eleven cents (11c) per gross higher than the former American rate, while the returns from sales have increased only two and seven-tenths cents (2.7c) per gross, and

WHEREAS, the consequence of the resulting unfair competition between the American industry and the foreign industry has meant that in the Cloquet factory, and in a similarly owned and operated factory at Dixfield, Maine, the total gross sale and production has decreased during 1934 by 1,153,847 gross boxes or 23.84 per cent, with an estimated loss of employment to 2300 American workers, and