

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, to include in the said reciprocal treaty with Sweden provisions lowering the tariff and increasing the quota of matches that Sweden be permitted to ship into the United States would seriously threaten unemployment to the approximately 850 people employed in the Cloquet, Minnesota match factory and to the approximately 300 contractors, each employing from one to ten men, which contractors are farmers of Carlton, St. Louis, Lake, Cook, Itasca, Crow Wing, Aitkin, Cass, Koochiching and Pine Counties, and who were paid for wood during the year 1934 many thousands of dollars,

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 the President of the United States not to include in the proposed reciprocal treaty with Sweden any provisions lowering the tariff or increasing the quota of matches that Sweden be permitted to ship into the United States, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chief clerk be instructed to forward a copy hereof to the President of the United States, Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Assistant Secretary Francis B. Sayer, and to each of the Minnesota Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved January 25, 1935.

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RESOLUTION No. 5 (H. F. No. 234)

*Joint resolution memorializing the United States Senate to ratify at the instant session of Congress the treaty between the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada for the building of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway.*

WHEREAS, there is pending before the United States Senate a treaty between the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada for the building of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway; and

WHEREAS, this project has been under scrutiny and analysis by Boards composed of the members of the Corps of United States Army Engineers, Economic Investigators of

the Department of Commerce, the International Joint Commission, the United States St. Lawrence Commission and many other groups over a long period of years and has had the approval of four Presidents of the United States, of forty-six Senators of the United States and of both the Democratic and Republican Parties in convention assembled; and

WHEREAS, the International Joint Commission found that without considering the probability of new traffic created by the opening of the water route to the seaboard, there existed between the region economically tributary to the Great Lakes and oversea points, as well as between the same region and the Atlantic and Pacific seaboards, a volume of out bound and in bound trade that might reasonably be expected to seek this route sufficient to justify the expense involved in its improvement; and

WHEREAS, the United States Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Commission found the construction of this shipway from the Great Lakes to the sea to be imperative both for the relief and for the development of a vast area in the interior of the continent; and

WHEREAS, the building of this seaway by affording easy and cheap communication to and from the interior of the continent would be the greatest farm relief measure ever passed; and

WHEREAS, no project now before the country in the Public Works or any other program for work relief begins to have the economic justification this project has and none will do so much to break the back of the depression as the money spent on this project would be for durable goods and labor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota and the Senate of the State of Minnesota concurring, that the State of Minnesota memorialize the Senate of the United States now in session and by the adoption of this resolution, the State of Minnesota does memorialize the Senate of the United States to ratify at the present session of the Congress of the United States the treaty between the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada providing for the building in accordance with the terms of said treaty a deep waterway channel connecting the Great Lakes with tidewater; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor of this State is hereby requested to forthwith transmit to the Senate of the United States a properly authenticated copy of this Joint

Resolution of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Minnesota.

Approved January 29, 1935.

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RESOLUTION No. 6 (S. F. No. 14)

*Petitioning the Congress of the United States and President Franklin D. Roosevelt, respectively, to pass and approve an adequate old-age pension act.*

WHEREAS, there are several million persons in the United States who by reason of old age and destitute circumstances have no means of support, and

WHEREAS, many of the local communities which in the past have carried the burden of supporting the aged and destitute are no longer able to do so by reason of the economic depression prevailing throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, the national government possesses taxing powers not possessed by the states and can levy taxes uniformly throughout the United States, which cannot be evaded by removal of property or business from one state to another, and

WHEREAS, by reason of this nation-wide taxing power, the national government, can better than the states, carry the burden of an adequate old-age pension law, and

WHEREAS, an adequate old-age pension law is urgently needed to provide for the aged who are in need of help:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring, that we respectfully petition the Congress of the United States and President Franklin D. Roosevelt, respectfully, to pass and approve an adequate old-age pension act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State be instructed to send copies of this resolution to the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, the Honorable John N. Garner, Vice President of the United States, the Honorable Joseph Byrnes, 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 February 5, 1935.