

RESOLUTION No. 14—S. F. No. 580

A concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States and the secretary of agriculture regarding crop insurance.

WHEREAS, a committee of wheat farmers and farm leaders attended a wheat insurance conference December second and December third, at Washington, D. C. and adopted and outlined a plan for such insurance which was approved by the farm leaders, and by the President's Committee, and which will be presented to Congress this winter; and

WHEREAS, President Roosevelt has appointed a committee to study rates and premiums for crop insurance; and

WHEREAS, these years do not represent a fair normal production for our State and other northern states, due to extended drouth and the short period which is used, and also to rust conditions and grasshoppers in some sections, these records show our production far below normal, as would be revealed in a longer period of years; and

WHEREAS, the use of these unfavorable years would tend to make our premiums much higher, perhaps prohibitive, and our indemnities proportionately lower, thereby defeating the purpose of the insurance law which was conceived for the purpose of protecting the purchasing power of the farmer; and

WHEREAS, the plan of the Wheat Conference Committee, the President's Committee, and the President, himself, is to set up a co-operative organization designed to operate over a long period of years and to insure the farmer's crop from 50% to 75% of his normal production:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring, that we do hereby petition the Honorable Secretary of Agriculture, as Chairman of the President's Committee, to extend the period of time used as a production base to fifteen years, beginning with the year 1920, since these years, or any similar period of years would give the farmer the benefit of his actual production, and would therefore enable a much larger number of farmers to receive the benefits of the program, and thereby assuring us of a much stronger organization, thus allowing more economical operation with regard to per capita cost.

RESOLVED further that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Henry Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, Chairman of the President's Crop Insurance Committee and to M. W.

Thatcher, Chairman of the Wheat Conference Committee, both of Washington, D. C., and to each of the Senators and Representatives from the State of Minnesota in the Congress of the United States.

Approved March 25, 1937.

RESOLUTION No. 15—S. F. No. 1480

A concurrent resolution petitioning and requesting Homer S. Cummings, United States Attorney General, and Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the United States Treasury, to continue with and complete the construction of a proposed federal prison farm at Sandstone, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, it has been proposed by the federal government to construct a federal prison farm at Sandstone, Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, bids have been advertised for the work of construction of such federal prison, and

WHEREAS, at the present time there are no federal institutions in the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, the construction of such a federal institution will create employment for many of the citizens of the State of Minnesota, now greatly in need of employment

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, the Senate concurring herein, that we hereby respectfully petition and urge Homer S. Cummings, United States Attorney General, and Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the United States Treasury, to continue with and complete the construction of such proposed federal prison farm at Sandstone, Minnesota.

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 each of the Minnesota Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved April 14, 1937.