

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Secretary of State is authorized and directed to send copies of this resolution to the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, to Honorable John N. Garner, President of the Senate of the United States, and to Honorable William B. Bankhead, 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, and to Harold L. Ickes, Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works.

Approved April 13, 1937.

RESOLUTION No. 18—S. F. No. 770

Concurrent resolution petitioning the Congress of the United States and President Franklin D. Roosevelt, respectively, to pass and approve an amendment to the federal social security act providing for the furnishing of more adequate federal aid to states for the purpose of old age assistance, aid to the blind and aid to dependent children.

WHEREAS, conditions of intense distress throughout the State of Minnesota, produced by economic causes, make imperative the providing of old age assistance, aid to the blind and aid to dependent children; on a vast scale, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative and a necessity for the State of Minnesota and its political subdivisions to provide adequate assistance and aid to needy aged persons, needy blind and dependent children to safeguard their health and welfare, and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and its political subdivisions which in the past have carried the burden of supporting the destitute aged are no longer able to do so on the present basis of federal aid available to the state under the provisions of the Federal Social Security Act, and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota and its political subdivisions are in need of more adequate federal aid than is now provided for in the Federal Social Security Act for the purposes of old age assistance, aid to the blind and aid to dependent children to enable the state to provide, on an adequate basis, for the need of the aged, blind and dependent children in this state, 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 assistance and aid for the needy aged, blind and dependent children, and

WHEREAS, more adequate federal aid to the states is urgently needed to provide for and assure adequate assistance and aid for the aged, blind and dependent children:

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 amendments to the present Federal Social Security Act as follows:

1. Amend Titles I and X of the Social Security Act so as to provide for the furnishing of federal aid to states having approved plans for old age assistance and aid to the blind in an amount equal to three-fourths of the total of the sums expended during each quarter for old age assistance and aid to the blind, under the state plan with respect to each individual, not counting so much of such expenditure with respect to any individual for any month as exceeds \$30.

2. Amend Title IV of the Social Security Act so as to provide for the furnishing of federal aid to states having approved plans for aid to dependent children in an amount equal to three-fourths of the total of the sums expended during each quarter for such aid under the state plan, not counting so much of such expenditure with respect to any dependent child for any month as exceeds \$18, or if there is more than one dependent child in the same home, as exceeds \$18 for any month with respect to one such dependent child and \$12 for such month with respect to each of the other dependent children.

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 William B. Bankhead, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and to each of the senators and representatives of the State of Minnesota in the Congress of the United States.

Approved April 17, 1937.