

WHEREAS, the Officials in Washington in charge of relief administration apparently are seeking to bring about a material reduction in the number of workers employed on Works Progress Administration payrolls, and

WHEREAS, curtailment of the works program as contemplated will tend to throw many workers back on local relief and place an added burden upon the local communities and the states which they cannot at this time afford to assume, and

WHEREAS, conditions in Minnesota in particular, owing to the drouth and other factors which have impaired the resources of our citizens, require a continuance of WPA work on as large a scale as possible:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of Minnesota's fiftieth legislative session protest against the proposed drastic cut in WPA payrolls contemplated for Minnesota and ask congress to make available a deficiency appropriation which will make unnecessary any cut in WPA payrolls in this state until employment conditions in Minnesota improve.

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RESOLUTION No. 3—S. F. No. 371

*Concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to appropriate funds to provide care for needy, aged, unallotted Indians.*

WHEREAS, there are several hundred unallotted Indians eligible to receive Old Age Assistance in the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, because of their status as residents of Indian reservations they and their property are not subject to taxation by the state or county in which they reside, and

WHEREAS, because of the heavy burden placed upon these counties in making payments of Old Age Assistance to qualified, tax-paying residents, the counties are under excessive financial strain, and

WHEREAS, it is an undue hardship upon the said state and counties to provide care for these unallotted Indians because of the facts above stated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring, that we respectfully urge and petition the Congress of the United States and President Franklin D. Roosevelt, to pass legislation providing Federal funds for the care and relief of these above referred to needy, aged, unallotted Indians, and

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 Garner, Vice-President of the United States, the Honorable Wm. 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.

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RESOLUTION No. 4—S. F. No. 124

*A concurrent resolution memorializing Congress to discontinue the levy of a tax on gasoline.*

WHEREAS, the question of State finance is becoming increasingly difficult, and

WHEREAS, State incomes are derived primarily from direct taxes on real and personal property, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government from its inception has delegated to itself the control of such sources of taxation as the tariff, excise and income taxes, practically to the exclusion of the States, and

WHEREAS, the States lacking such taxing powers, inaugurated the policy of taxing gasoline as a partial solution of its taxation problem:

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 to recede from its policy of imposing a national tax on gasoline, so that the State may avail itself of this source of income to be levied by it for such purposes as its Constitution and laws may direct.