

RESOLUTION No. 8 (S. F. No. 4)

A concurrent resolution memorializing Congress of the United States to enact legislation to stabilize prices on dairy products.

WHEREAS, the dairy farmers of the nation are becoming impoverished because the prices received on the public markets for the commodities produced by them are less than the cost of producing such commodities, and

WHEREAS, the impoverishment of the farmers of the nation will ultimately impoverish all the people of the nation, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that legislation be enacted by Congress to secure fair prices for dairy products to the producers thereof, and

WHEREAS, dairy products constitute a very substantial portion of the total products produced by the farmers of the nation, and

WHEREAS, the causes of the depression in prices are the importation of dairy products from foreign countries, dairy substitutes, and over-production engendered by the use of lands, taken out of production of grains, for increased dairy production,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, in regular session assembled, that the Congress of the United States be, and it hereby is, urgently petitioned to speedily enact legislation which will:

1. Levy a tax of not less than five cents per pound on uncolored oleomargarine.
2. Bring about the prevention of the importation of foreign oils and fats used in the manufacture of food-stuffs, and of dairy products.
3. Provide for the immediate removal of enough butter and cheese from the public markets so as to absorb the present surplus, and distribute this surplus for relief use.
4. Provide an effective plan to prevent lands withdrawn from cotton, wheat, tobacco, corn and other crop production under the federal government's plan of acreage reduction from being utilized for the increase of dairy production.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution be presented to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress 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. 9 (S. F. No. 6)

A concurrent resolution memorializing Congress to stabilize prices on farm products.

WHEREAS, wide spread dissatisfaction exists among the producers of farm commodities in Minnesota and neighboring states relative to the losses incurred in ordinary farm operations; and

WHEREAS, the American farmer is forced to sell the major portion of what he produces on a world market and purchase all of his necessities on a highly protected stabilized domestic market; and

WHEREAS, the spread between the values of the commodities the farmer sells and those he buys places him at a serious disadvantage in the market places; and

WHEREAS, this price disparity has existed for over five years and promises to continue indefinitely and create disaster among agriculturists; and

WHEREAS, the prices of agricultural commodities are not on a parity with prices of other products and especially with the prices of those commodities which the farmer must buy; and

WHEREAS, the financial returns from the farming industry have been such that the people engaged in that industry 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