

that will insure cost of production plus an amount sufficient to pay taxes, interest, debt service and living expenses; that will place agriculture on a parity with those engaged in industry; that will retain the American market for the American farmer; and that will fix an adequate minimum price on farmer's products.

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.

Approved April 4, 1941.

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RESOLUTION No. 4—H. F. No. 1410

*A concurrent resolution calling attention to the supply available in Minnesota of manganese iron ore.*

WHEREAS, Minnesota possesses the only large source of manganese iron ore which is so vitally needed in the development of the national defense in the present hour of prophesied national danger of invasion, and

WHEREAS, other states of the union are far ahead of Minnesota in the expansion of their industries and defense facilities, and

WHEREAS, the federal government is spending billions of dollars in the way of loans, grants and other assistance necessary to the up-building and expansion of war time industries, all located away from our state and placing our state at a disadvantage in the national defense program, and

WHEREAS, money is now being expended in Brazil to secure manganese so vitally needed in our national defense, thereby making necessary the transportation of such manganese over hazardous ocean routes, and

WHEREAS, the development of a manganese plant in Minnesota would release these badly needed merchant ships for other necessary purposes, and

WHEREAS, it has been conclusively proven that manganese can be produced in Minnesota at a cost comparing favorably with other sources of managanese, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED by the house of representatives of the state of Minnesota, the senate concurring, that this situation be called to the attention of the various government officials who are engaged in the work of advancing the national defense program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of state be instructed to forward copies of this resolution to each of the senators and representatives from the state of Minnesota to the congress of the United States; to Honorable Donald M. Nelson at the division office of production management in the munitions building at Washington, D. C.; to Judge Patterson under-secretary of war at the army building in Washington, D. C.; to under-secretary of the navy, Forrestal, at the navy building in Washington, D. C. and to Mr. Miller of the Minnesota resource commission.

Approved April 21, 1941.

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RESOLUTION No. 5—H. F. No. 1620

*A joint resolution whereby the Legislature of the State of Minnesota in regular session assembled memorialize the president of the United States, the secretary of agriculture of the United States, the United States price administrator and the Congress of the United States.*

WHEREAS, the present federal administration has repeatedly advocated the parity price principle for agriculture, but the prices announced by the federal price administrator in his recent announcement of basic prices for agricultural products, definitely commits the federal administration to a principle of disparity between prices for agricultural products and other commodities required by agriculture, which disparity will continue to widen as prices follow the upward trend due to increased costs occasioned by the present emergency, and

WHEREAS, the basic prices paid for agricultural products directly affect the people of the state of Minnesota, particularly the agricultural communities thereof: