

RESOLUTION No. 3—S. F. No. 285

A concurrent resolution memorializing the Secretary of Agriculture, the War Production Board and the Congress of the United States to take certain steps relative to production of sugar beets.

WHEREAS the season for the planning and planting of agricultural crops is close at hand, and

WHEREAS the growing of sugar beets for the production of sugar is essential to the war effort, and

WHEREAS under the present ceiling on sugar, beets cannot be grown at a profit in competition with hemp, sweet corn, peas, or corn fed to hogs, and

WHEREAS all crop production costs including hauling, labor and materials have advanced in price, and

WHEREAS the growing of beets depends to a great extent on mechanized equipment and a reasonable allotment of materials should be made for the manufacture of such machinery as soon as possible, and

WHEREAS no policy, as to price of beets, cost of labor, or any of the other factors entering into the growing of beets, has been submitted to the producers, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, the Senate concurring, respectfully request the Secretary of Agriculture to formulate a policy so that the price paid for beets is at least comparable to that paid for other crops and that rates for labor be announced so that growers can plan accordingly and that some allotment of materials for mechanized equipment be made immediately, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State be instructed to send copies of this resolution to the Secretary of Agriculture, the War Production Board and the members of the House of Representatives of the United States and the Senators from this state.

Filed February 15, 1943.

RESOLUTION No. 4—S. F. No. 1.

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

WHEREAS, in all formulas for determining parity prices for farm products, only a part of the cost of production has been included in such computation, according to existing parity legislation; and,

WHEREAS, the services of the farm producer and his family are as vital a factor in agricultural production as the value of labor is in the production of manufactured goods;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Congress of the United States immediately enact legislation establishing parity price for farm products, which in the computation thereof, will include the value of the services of the farmer and his family in producing farm commodities, together with all other costs of production.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State transmit a copy of this resolution to each member of Congress of the State of Minnesota and to the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington.

Approved February 18, 1943.

RESOLUTION No. 5—H. F. No. 64.

A concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to refuse to enact any legislation which would impair the rights of public employees of the State of Minnesota and its political divisions.

WHEREAS, The Federal Social Security Act enacted by Congress in 1935, as amended, excludes from its provisions, employees of the United States and of states, or political divisions thereof;

WHEREAS, Under the provisions of the Federal Social Security Act each state and its political divisions are immune from the tax imposed upon employers;

WHEREAS, The employees of each state and the political divisions thereof are immune from the tax imposed upon employees;

WHEREAS, Bills are now pending in the Congress of the United States which would have the effect of extending coverage of the Social Security Act to all states and their political divisions and the employees thereof;