

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.

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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;

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has stated that the objectives of the Social Security Act should not and need not be attained at the sacrifice of protection now available to some municipal workers through existing pension and retirement systems;

WHEREAS, There are approximately 20,000 public employees in the state who have contributed to and are members of approximately 50 statutory pension funds; and

WHEREAS, The extension of the provisions of the Social Security Act would not only impose additional taxation upon the state of Minnesota and many of its political divisions and the employees thereof, but would likewise tend to impair the benefits and protection which have been gained by public employees now members of existing pension funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

That, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota looks with concern upon any proposal to extend the present Federal Social Security Act to the State of Minnesota, its political divisions, and employees thereof who are now members of existing legally created pension and retirement systems and respectfully urges and petitions the Congress of the United States not to enact legislation which would extend the provisions of the Social Security Act to public employees now members of legally created pension or annuity systems.

The secretary of state is instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President, Congress, to the Federal Security Administrator, and to the Social Security Board.

Approved February 25, 1943.

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RESOLUTION No. 6—S. F. No. 945

*A concurrent resolution memorializing Congress to enact into law S 207, known as "the Nye bill", providing for waiver of second-class postal fees upon resumption of publication by newspapers that were compelled to suspend publication because of war conditions.*

WHEREAS, numerous newspapers throughout the Nation and particularly those in towns in smaller communities have been and