

## RESOLUTION No. 8

*A concurrent resolution calling the attention of the Government of the United States to certain facts with reference to food rationing and distribution of surplus commodities.*

WHEREAS, nation wide food rationing has been instituted by the federal government and its agencies, and every person in the nation will receive only a limited amount of certain commodities under the "point" system of food rationing, and

WHEREAS, prunes and tomatoes are two of the foods included in this system of food rationing, and both have a high point value, and

WHEREAS, it takes 20 points, or almost one-half of one persons points for one month to purchase one pound of prunes, and

WHEREAS, men in the armed forces complain of having no milk and of having to drink black coffee, and

WHEREAS, at the same time these conditions exist the federal government through its agencies is distributing free to schools in this state as a part of a so-called "surplus commodity" prunes, tomatoes and canned milk, and

WHEREAS, much of the milk distributed is going into rural schools for children who have plenty of fresh milk at home and who do not want and will not use canned milk, and

WHEREAS, such distribution under these conditions and at this time denotes inefficiency, waste, extravagance and lack of coordination and lack of understanding by the various federal government agencies, bureaus, departments, commissions, boards and officials, and constitutes unwarranted waste and extravagance in federal expenditures creating confusion and doubts in the public mind as to the ability of the various federal governmental agencies in charge of such activities:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the house of representatives of the state of Minnesota, the senate concurring, that this matter be called to the attention of the government of the United States to the end that some steps may be taken to remedy the situation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of state of the state of Minnesota is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to each of the senators and representatives from the state of Minnesota in the congress of the United States, and to the senator from the state of Virginia, the Honorable Harry Byrd.

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