

RESOLUTION No. 9—S. F. No. 1269.

A joint resolution memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to provide for the sale of excess army and navy supplies by ex-service men after the termination of the present war.

WHEREAS, after World War I the government of the United States had on hand a large amount of army and navy clothing and supplies for which it had no use, and

WHEREAS, these supplies were disposed of by sale to the highest bidders, who in turn disposed of them to the general public through so-called "Army and Navy Stores" and through other sources, and

WHEREAS, such method of disposal made large fortunes for a comparatively few individuals and resulted in no benefit to ex-service men; and

WHEREAS, after the termination of the present war there will be many ex-service men, especially disabled ex-service men, who will be struggling to establish themselves in business and adjust their lives to civilian activities:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the legislature of the state of Minnesota, in regular session assembled, that we memorialize the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to enact such laws or prescribe such regulations as may be necessary so that after the termination of the present World War all surplus army and navy supplies will be disposed of by the United States government only to ex-service men, with the first preference in their disposition to be given to disabled ex-service men, to the end that these ex-service men may establish themselves in business and be better enabled to earn a livelihood and adjust themselves into civilian life and activities after the termination of the war.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the state of Minnesota is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States and to each of the members in the Congress of the United States from the state of Minnesota.

Approved April 17, 1943.