

RESOLUTION No. 11—S. F. No. 710

A joint resolution memorializing Congress to authorize a survey of the upper Mississippi river navigation reservoirs.

WHEREAS, the Winnibigoshish, Leech Lake, Pokegama, Sandy Lake, Pine River and Gull Lake reservoirs, known as the upper Mississippi River navigation reservoirs, designed to increase the navigable stages of the Mississippi River below the Twin Cities for the promotion of commercial navigation, were authorized by congress some 50 to 60 years before the development of the areas adjacent to and surrounding the reservoirs had begun, and

WHEREAS, progress in the development of the agricultural, scenic, and recreational resources of the reservoir areas during subsequent years has emphasized that the lakes and bodies of water used for and affected by the reservoirs and their operations, in common with other lakes and scenic attractions, are proving a dominant source of revenue and livelihood to local communities, the value of which was not, and could not have been, given full weight at the time the reservoirs were authorized, and

WHEREAS, the construction of the locks and dams in the Mississippi River below Minneapolis apparently has lessened the need of the reservoirs for maintaining navigable stages in the Mississippi River below the Twin Cities, and

WHEREAS, those interested in the fullest development and use of the resources of the reservoir areas feel that this cannot be accomplished until a study and appraisal has been made of the present and potential future uses and operations of these reservoirs for the fullest development of the scenic, wild life and recreational assets and control of floods in the communities adjacent to and affected by them, as well as for the improvement of navigation, increased water supply for water power, domestic and industrial needs, and pollution abatement for down river interests:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Minnesota Legislature, in regular session assembled, that we request the congress of the United States to authorize and direct the war department to make a survey of the upper Mississippi River navigation reservoir system for the purpose of determining and adopting the best plan of operating these reservoirs for the greatest benefit to all of the interests affected, said survey to embrace such changes, if any, in existing structures, which might be found desirable, what additional structures might be needed to facilitate operations, and what channel improvements should be made to improve conditions in the areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of state be instructed to send copies of this resolution to the Minnesota representatives and senators in congress; the secretary of war, Washington, D. C.; Col. Malcolm Elliott, division engineer, Upper Mississippi Valley Division, Syndicate Building, St. Louis, Mo.; Col. L. C. Barnes, district engineer, Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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RESOLUTION No. 12—S. F. No. 1025

A concurrent resolution memorializing Congress to enact into law H. R. 5295, relating to the domestic raising of certain fur bearing animals.

WHEREAS, fur farming is an important and valuable industry within Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, the raising of pen-bred fox, mink, persian lamb, karakul and chinchilla is, in reality, an agricultural pursuit and the products of such fur farms are livestock, notwithstanding the fact that the Minnesota legislature, for purposes of expedient administration and regulation, defines such animals as wild animals and polices the industry through the personnel of the division of game and fish, and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of this legislature that great benefits can accrue to this valuable pursuit if the federal agency concerned with the promotion of fur farming be designated as the Department of Agriculture,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the legislature of the State of Minnesota that Congress be urged to take such steps as are necessary to enact into law H. R. 5295, which provides that the breeding, raising, producing or marketing of the animals herein referred to shall be deemed an agricultural pursuit under the jurisdiction of the federal Department of Agriculture.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to each member of Congress from the State of Minnesota.

Approved April 17, 1945.