

RESOLUTION No. 14—H. F. No. 1386

A concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation providing for wage readjustment for postal employees.

WHEREAS Employees of the United States Postal Service are today required to perform greater duties than heretofore, and

WHEREAS Employees of such service have not received a permanent wage readjustment in more than a decade, and

WHEREAS The tremendous amount of work being done by the employees of the Postal Service is being performed in an efficient manner and is deserving of wage readjustment:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, the Senate concurring, endorses wage readjustment for Postal Employees in order that such employees may receive increased compensation commensurate with their work and responsibilities, and to that end urges the members in Congress and the State of Minnesota to vote for and support H. R. 2071.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States and to each member of Congress from the State of Minnesota.

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RESOLUTION No. 15—H. F. No. 671

A joint resolution relating to a state song for the State of Minnesota.

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota has no song dedicated to her name, and

WHEREAS, The University of Minnesota Alumni Association, owner of the copyright to "Hail! Minnesota," has by appropriate resolution released its copyright to the words and music of its song, "Hail! Minnesota" for the purpose of its adoption, with a slight variation in the words thereof, as a state song by the State of Minnesota, a copy of which words and music is on file with the Secretary of State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that this song, "Hail! Minnesota," filed with the Secretary of State, be adopted as the State Song.

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RESOLUTION No. 16—S. F. No. 1290

A concurrent resolution memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States, the Director of War Mobilization, and the Director of the Office of Defense Transportation to take certain steps relative to the payment of state gasoline and motor vehicle registration taxes arising out of the operation by the federal government of certain truck lines.

WHEREAS, the Office of Defense Transportation by authority of executive order of the President on or about August 1, 1944, seized and has ever since operated certain motor carrier truck lines serving several of the Midwest states and five of which operate within and upon the highways of the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Defense Transportation refuses to pay state gasoline taxes and motor vehicle registration taxes to the State of Minnesota in connection with such operations upon the ground that these truck lines are instrumentalities of the United States and therefore not subject to excise and privilege tax laws of the several states, and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of the United States has now advised the Office of Defense Transportation that it has the authority to pay said taxes out of a fund set aside by the President for the payment of all expenses, including taxes, in the operation of such truck lines, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Office of Defense Transportation has thus far refused to discharge such taxes notwithstanding the opinion of the Attorney General, and

WHEREAS, except, that such motor carriers are immediately supervised by a federal manager, they function with the same equipment and personnel and serve the same customers as was the case prior to government control and are operated and maintained in competition with lines in private management, and