

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we advocate, in the event that a system of universal military training be included in the Postwar Plan for the Military Establishment, that such training be integrated with the Civilian Components of the Army specifically the National Guard, the Officers' Reserve Corps and the Organized Reserves.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the discussion of the Postwar Military Policy and the form of the Military Establishment, the fullest opportunity, consistent with existing conditions, be accorded the officers and men of all components of the Army, who are or who have been serving with the Armed Forces in time of war, to express their views on this most important matter to the end that this Nation will adopt a sound military policy consistent with our traditions and which will afford the utmost security to the Nation.

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RESOLUTION No. 6—S. F. No. 176

*A concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to take prompt action to ratify the agreement between the government of the United States and the Dominion of Canada for the development of the St. Lawrence Waterway.*

WHEREAS, representatives of the Governments of the United States and of the Dominion of Canada in 1941 consummated and signed an agreement for the development of the St. Lawrence River, both for navigation and power purposes, so as to permit free passage of ocean-going ships from the Atlantic Ocean to the head of the Great Lakes and into the heart of the American continent, and make available the development of this great potential source of electric energy for necessary public use; and

WHEREAS, the agreement was under consideration by the Congress of the United States at the time of the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, and shortly thereafter we were at war with the central powers in Europe, as a consequence of which action on the agreement was advisedly deferred; and

WHEREAS, world developments since 1941 have made it increasingly apparent that the securing of a permanent and just peace will inevitably be attended with vastly increased

commerce with foreign nations, and particularly with the European and Asiatic nations, and the great industries located on the Great Lakes and the agriculture of the Northwest states will benefit as a result of the opening of the St. Lawrence as a shorter route for ocean commerce to deliver to foreign nations the products of our industries and agriculture, and more than ever before the development of the power to be generated by the St. Lawrence is recognized as a vital economic necessity; and

WHEREAS, the agreement is now again being submitted to Congress of the United States for approval, the Presidents of the United States for the past twenty-five years have committed themselves to the development of the St. Lawrence, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt has characterized the St. Lawrence project as of economic value comparable to the Panama Canal, and a vital necessity as a defense measure; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota, through its Legislature, for the last twenty-five years has affirmed its continued support of this project, and through the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Commission of Minnesota has continuously promoted the development of the St. Lawrence River, believing that the project is a vital necessity for the stimulation and development of the resources of this State and of the entire Northwest, as well as a great economic advantage to the nation, and that the project has already been too long delayed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, commend and support the President of the United States in his steadfast, consistent and energetic support of this project, and urge the Congress of the United States, without further delay, to approve and ratify the agreement already concluded with the Dominion of Canada, and provide the necessary funds for the speedy completion of this great project as a vital, economic and defense necessity.

That the Secretary of State be instructed to send copies of this resolution to the President, the Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress of the State of Minnesota.

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