RESOLUTION No. 7- H. F. No. 651

A joint resolution requesting Congress to continue the Farm Labor Supply Program.

WHEREAS, the farm labor supply program conducted pursuant to the Farm Labor Supply Appropriation Act, 1944, (Public Law 229, ninth Congress), expires on June 30, 1947, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of said program is to assist in providing an adequate supply of workers for the production and harvesting of agricultural commodities, and

WHEREAS, in the State of Minnesota during the year 1946, there was an inadequate supply of domestic labor for the production and harvesting of certain agricultural products, and

WHEREAS, in the State of Minnesota during the year of 1946 foreign laborers made available through the assistance provided by said program furnished the major part of the field labor necessary in harvesting agricultural crops produced in this state such as green peas, sweet corn, sugar beets and other field crops of a cash value to the farmer of \$8,230,786, and

WHEREAS, there is in prospect the same acute shortage of farm labor for certain crops which prevailed in 1946, and

WHEREAS, if said program is discontinued on June 30, 1947, needed quantities of food crops may not be produced or harvested in this State during the current year,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the legislature of the State of Minnesota in regular session assembled, that we petition the Congress of the United States and the members thereof from the State of Minnesota to extend the foreign farm labor supply program by appropriate legislation to December 31, 1947.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State transmit a copy of this resolution to all of the members from Minnesota in the Congress of the United States.