

WHEREAS, the federalization of the National Guard of the several States, Territories and the District of Columbia, as proposed by the Gray Board on 30 June 1948, and the federalization of the Air National Guard, as recommended by the Secretary of Defense on 11 December 1948, would result in the complete destruction of the National Guard, almost overnight, and leave the Nation almost defenseless at a very critical time and, in addition, impose fantastic costs for national defense; and,

WHEREAS, the States would be left without an internal security force and would be compelled to organize and maintain State troops at great cost to the States with the result that there would thus be maintained a Federal Reserve and State Military Force, creating a great duplication of effort and expense while the National Guard, as it is now constituted and controlled, not only furnishes the necessary internal security for the States but, in addition, serves as a component of the Army of the United States and a first line of defense thereof as provided by the National Defense Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representative concurring, that the Congress and the President of the United States are hereby memorialized to retain intact the National Guard of the United States, Ground and Air, as it is now organized under the Militia Clauses of the Federal Constitution and thus reserve to the States the controls provided by the Constitution in time of peace and ensure that it will be at the disposal of the States in time of peace and that there will be unity in the Armed Forces of the Nation at a time when unity is so essential; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Chairman of the Armed Services Committees of the Congress and Members of the Minnesota Delegation in Congress.

RESOLUTION No. 16—S. F. No. 294

A concurrent resolution memorializing and requesting the Congress of the United States to enact a bill to aid the State in

the enforcement of the cigarette tax now evaded by use of the United States mails.

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has seen fit to impose a tax on the sale of cigarettes within its boundaries, and the revenues so obtained constitute an important portion of the funds available for its functions of government; and,

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Minnesota that a large and growing system of evasion of such tax law has developed; that the United States Mails are flooded with advertisements and inducements to the citizens of this State to violate the law of this State; that in numerous instances such advertisers entice prospective customers with statements to the effect that the use of the United States Mails is sufficient proof of the legitimacy of such business and such a system; that the mails of the United States are constantly flooded with cigarettes in the process of delivery within this State, and on which cigarettes the tax required by the laws of this State have not and will not be paid; that this State is seriously disadvantaged by such use of the Postal Offices and Mails of the United States for the purpose of evading the laws of Minnesota; and that Minnesota faces and is now suffering serious losses of revenue as a result of such system of evasion; and,

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the House of Representatives and the Senate of Minnesota that there is now pending before the Congress of the United States a proposed bill which would aid the States by requiring shippers of cigarettes in interstate commerce to furnish to the taxing authority of the State to which shipped a copy of the invoice on each shipment and the name and address of each person to whom shipped;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Congress of the United States be and the same is hereby memorialized and respectfully urged to enact a bill requiring shippers of cigarettes in interstate commerce to furnish to the taxing authority of the State to which shipped a copy of the invoice on each such shipment; or to enact such other bill to the aid of the several states affected as may be proper;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each Congressman and Senator from the State of Minnesota.

RESOLUTION No. 17—H. F. No. 1818

A joint resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to admit the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii to Statehood.

WHEREAS, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii have applied to be admitted to statehood; and,

WHEREAS, these Territories have long been valued possessions of these United States, and the people thereof in times of both peace and war have demonstrated their loyalty, their spirit of self-sacrifice, their trustworthiness, and their abilities to be good citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii are important outposts in the preservation of world peace and in the defense of the shores of the continental limits of these United States, and their admittance to statehood will strengthen the position of these Territories in the defense of our shores and in the maintenance of world peace; and,

WHEREAS, the peoples of these Territories are capable of self-government and are desirous of joining the family of states comprising this American Republic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, in regular session assembled, that the Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to admit the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii to statehood and that the necessary enabling legislation therefor be enacted during the current session of Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives