

general election for the year 1954 in the manner provided by law.

The ballots used at such election for submission of this question shall provide as follows:

“Shall the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article V, Section 4, be amended to authorize the governor, when filling a vacancy in an elective office under that section, to appoint a person to hold that vacated office until the end of the term for which the person who had vacated the office was elected, or the first day of January following the next general election whichever is sooner, rather than as the section now provides, until the next annual election?”

Yes.....

No.....”.

Approved April 22, 1953.

RESOLUTION No. 5—H. F. No. 582

A joint resolution memorializing the President, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Congress of the United States to support measures promoting fair prices for agricultural commodities in the national interest.

WHEREAS, the continuing upward trend in farm operating costs and the downward trend in farm prices threaten acute distress to farmers in this area, and

WHEREAS, the government has again called on farmers to meet huge production goals in the interest of the national defense and welfare, and to build up surpluses of food in the national interest which in the absence of further supporting action will depress prices further, and thus penalize farmers for patriotic effort, and

WHEREAS, only two Minnesota crops, wheat and corn, are treated as basic commodities under the present law, and

WHEREAS, designation of oats, rye, barley, flax and soybeans as basic commodities for mandatory price supports under the law would tend to balance farm production, and help prevent unneeded surpluses, and

WHEREAS, perishable farm products such as milk, meat, butter and eggs make up approximately 70 per cent of the cash farm income of Minnesota farmers and these commodities are without adequate price protection, and

WHEREAS, younger farmers are already in financial difficulty and it has become difficult for young men to start farming with today's high costs and uncertain outlook, and

WHEREAS, a farm depression would have a serious effect upon the entire national economy, and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in Congress to improve and make permanent the farm price support laws,

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, that the President, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Congress of the United States, be requested to do all in their power to improve and make permanent a farm price support program, by

First, extending price supports to include oats, rye, barley, flax and soybeans as basic commodities, and

Second, attempting to provide a balanced system of price supports for perishable products, including hogs, beef cattle, milk, poultry and eggs, returning producers of these important products parity for their work and investment, and

Third, providing whenever practical, self-regulated and self-financed price support programs, and

Fourth, providing an incentive system of price supports on commodities in short supply to encourage production shifts without acreage controls, and

Fifth, taking steps to protect and expand markets at home and abroad for farm products, including the consideration of the International Wheat Agreement, and

Sixth, to expand greatly research for farm production and marketing, especially in ways to reduce the spread between farm and retail prices for farm products, so as to safeguard the farmer's total income, and

Seventh, to permit family farm ownership and operation by providing an adequate and available supply of long-term, low-interest credit, and

Eighth, using a system of democratically-elected farmer committees to carry out the operations of all possible parts of the farm program, and

Ninth, encouraging more soil conservation so as to meet the needs of the nation without depleting our agricultural resources and productive capacity, and

Tenth, recognizing that as a strong nation we must have food to win and hold allies, to provide that when farm products are purchased for such use the farmer should not get less than the support price, and

Eleventh, providing for adequate crop storage facilities so that the loan program is freely available to all farmers;

All to the end that agriculture may continue to meet the ever-increasing food demands of our nation, without jeopardizing the farmers' economic position.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota be instructed to transmit copies of this Joint Resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture, and to each member of Congress from the State of Minnesota.

Approved April 20, 1953.

RESOLUTION No. 8—H. F. No. 1871

A joint resolution endorsing the Safe-Driver Education Program of the Minnesota Public Schools and encouraging the establishment and maintenance of, and participation in, Safe-Driver Education Courses in the schools of the State of Minnesota.

WHEREAS, drivers of motor vehicles upon the public streets and highways of this State all too often operate motor vehicles in a manner which results in death to hundreds of our citizens, personal injury to thousands more, and property damage of millions of dollars each year; and

WHEREAS, a comparison of the driving conduct of groups of trained and untrained drivers in a number of places indicates that the frequency of traffic-law violations and the frequency of involvement in accidents are much lower in the group that has completed safe-driver training courses than in the group which has not had such training; and

WHEREAS, automobile manufacturers and automobile dealers have made motor vehicles available for safe-driver training courses in the schools and have expressed their intention of continuing this program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education of the State of Minnesota has prepared a complete safe-driver training course which is available to all schools of this State;