

Funds derived from the tax herein provided for shall be used as follows: 50 percent to the state general revenue fund, 40 percent to a fund for the support of elementary and secondary schools, and ten percent for the general support of the University?

Yes _____

No _____”

Approved April 27, 1955.

RESOLUTION No. 1—H. F. No. 227

A concurrent resolution Memorializing the President of the United States, the Federal Maritime Board, and the Congress of the United States to support measures to restore package freight service on the Great Lakes.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States under Public Law 856 enacted by the 81st Congress, provided that certain surplus vessels could be reconverted for use as package freighters on the Great Lakes.

WHEREAS, the vessels which were so reconverted were not used for the purpose intended because of the outbreak of the Korean War, but were assigned to the carrying of iron ore.

WHEREAS, prior to World War II package freight was a major Minnesota industry. In excess of 700,000 tons of freight were shipped to and from the Port of Duluth during the last year that package freighters operated on the Great Lakes. Included in said shipments from the State of Minnesota were approximately 64,000 tons of butter; 6,000 tons of butter-milk; 12,000 tons of cheese; 28,000 tons of cream; 6,000 tons of eggs; 45,000 tons of dressed poultry; 170,000 tons of flour; 107,000 tons of mill products; in excess of 18,000 tons of wool; 19,000 tons of lumber; 3,000 tons of paper products and in excess of 40,000 tons of manufactured metal products.

WHEREAS, this trade benefited every segment of the Minnesota economy including the great agriculture and manufacturing industries.

WHEREAS, the discontinuance of this trade not only has adversely affected our agriculture and manufacturing industries, but has caused substantial unemployment in the maritime industries at the head of the Great Lakes.

WHEREAS, the restoration of package freight service

on the Great Lakes not only will substantially contribute to the well being and growth of Minnesota industry, provide a market for products grown and manufactured in Minnesota, both at home and abroad, but will also help reduce unemployment and more importantly will provide a stepping stone to the maximum use of the facilities of the Port of Duluth for international trade when the St. Lawrence Seaway has been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the President of the United States, the Federal Maritime Board, and the Congress of the United States be memorialized to effect the restoration of package freight service on the Great Lakes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State be instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Board, and to each member of Congress from the State of Minnesota.

Approved February 18, 1955.

RESOLUTION No. 2.—S. F. No. 283

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.