

## EXTRA SESSION

## CHAPTER 6—S. F. No. 3

[Not Coded]

*An act proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article IX, Section 1A, pertaining to the occupation tax on the business of mining or producing iron ore or other ores in this state and the apportionment and distribution of the proceeds therefrom.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article IX, Section 1A, is hereby proposed to the people of the state for their approval or rejection, which section when amended shall read as follows:

Sec. 1A. Every person, co-partnership, company, joint stock company, corporation or association however or for whatever purpose organized, engaged in the business of mining or producing iron ore or other ores in this state, shall pay to the State of Minnesota an occupation tax on the valuation of all ores mined or produced, which tax shall be in addition to all other taxes provided by law, said tax to be due and payable from such person, co-partnership, company, joint stock company, corporation, or association however or for whatever purpose organized, on May first of the calendar year next following the mining or producing thereof. The valuation of ore for the purpose of determining the amount of tax to be paid shall be ascertained in the manner and method provided by law. Funds derived from the tax herein provided for shall be used as follows: 50 percent to the state general revenue fund, 40 percent for the support of elementary and secondary schools and ten percent for the general support of the University. The legislature shall by law make the necessary provisions for carrying out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of this state for their approval or rejection at the first general election held after passage of this act, in the manner provided by law for the submission of amendments to the constitution, and the votes thereon shall be counted, canvassed, and the result thereof proclaimed as provided by law. The ballots used at such election shall have printed thereon the following:

“Shall section 1A of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota be so amended that the third sentence thereof shall read as follows:

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