

and necessary expenses and elimination of these taxes would in effect produce a greater net income taxable to the benefit of the Federal Government from said shippers and businesses who now deduct these excise taxes from their taxable revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that we respectfully memorialize the members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives from the State of Minnesota to introduce and support legislation to repeal the excise tax of 10 percent on the transportation of persons and 3 percent on the transportation of property by rail, motor and water common carriers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State transmit copies of this resolution to United States Senator Edward J. Thye, United States Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Representative August A. Andresen, Representative Joseph P. O'Hara, Representative Roy W. Wier, Representative Eugene J. McCarthy, Representative Walter H. Judd, Representative Fred Marshall, Representative H. Carl Andersen, Representative John A. Blatnik, Representative Coya Knutson, Vice President Richard Nixon and Speaker Samuel Rayburn.

Approved April 13, 1957.

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#### RESOLUTION NO. 13—H. F. No. 1785

*A concurrent resolution memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to support measures for a fair and equitable return in lieu of taxes to three counties in the Superior National Forest.*

WHEREAS, the Superior National Forest includes over 2,000,000 acres of federal land in St. Louis, Lake and Cook Counties which reduces the taxable property and employment opportunities in these counties, and

WHEREAS, the payments in lieu of taxes made by the Superior National Forest to the counties is very inadequate and because of the small shrunken tax base requires that the counties get special aid from the State, and

WHEREAS, the Superior National Forest contains the last important area of wilderness, lake and canoe country; contains the land of the voyageurs; is a heritage as precious as the finest National Parks; offers an opportunity for wild and primitive experience; preserves a canoe country, not only for this generation but for generations to come; is a great rare

and unusual region that belongs to the nation and is within easy access of 50 million people, and

WHEREAS, this great recreation area is so valuable to so many that it deserves maintenance and support by all of the people and in fairness should not be continued and expanded at the expense of the local citizens and communities;

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has enacted legislation providing that the state pay 15 cents per acre in lieu of taxes to the counties on game refuges, public shooting grounds and certain other conservation lands and has recognized the necessity and propriety of such payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the President of the United States and the Congress, urge the immediate enactment of legislation providing that Congress appropriate money to be ear-marked to the Superior National Forest to provide not less than 15 cents per acre per year in lieu of taxes, proportionately to Cook, Lake and St. Louis Counties, this amount to be computed on the basis of government acreage in each county.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 14—S. F. No. 1607

*A resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to support measures amending farm disaster emergency credit laws to permit governors of the several states to declare and designate disaster areas.*

WHEREAS, under present federal laws, a disaster area can be proclaimed only by the Secretary of Agriculture or the President of the United States, for the purposes of federal emergency farm credit, and

WHEREAS, the tendency has been that disaster areas have been proclaimed only when they have been relatively widespread, perhaps covering an entire state or major portion of a state, and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to obtain loans at three percent interest for feed, seed and other purposes, is important