

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.

Approved April 20, 1957.

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

to farmers who have been hit by some natural disaster such as drought, hail, wind or flood damage, in enabling them to re-establish their operations, and

WHEREAS, the affected farmers do not seek charity, but rather an opportunity to help themselves back on their feet, and

WHEREAS, in 1956 in this state, there were several examples of severe hail or flood damage in limited areas of perhaps several townships or one or two counties, and

WHEREAS, for the individual farmer who is affected, the natural disaster is just as real whether it strikes the whole state, a county or a few townships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Congress be requested to amend disaster emergency credit laws to authorize the Governors of the several states to initiate a request for the designation of disaster areas for the purpose of enabling farmers to avail themselves of needed emergency credit.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota be instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to each member of Congress from the State of Minnesota, and to each member of the agricultural committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Approved April 24, 1957.

RESOLUTION NO. 15—H. F. No. 1903

A concurrent resolution memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to support measures authorizing the issuance of a special series of postage stamps to be known as wilderness preservation stamps.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States is considering a bill to provide for the issuance of a special series of postage stamps to be known as Wilderness Preservation Stamps, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the bill is to acquaint the people of the United States with the beauty and unique qualities of the wilderness areas of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States