

cooperative and be thereby subjected to corporation income taxes; and

WHEREAS, this alteration of the present tax status would seriously hamper and restrict the services which the cooperatives are performing within the state; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature did once before, in 1951, consider and pass a resolution opposing similar unfair and punitive tax proposals against cooperatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, that the Congress of the United States be requested to recognize that indebtedness which is owed by a cooperative or any other taxpayer to its patrons or customers is not income to such taxpayer even though it may be income to its patrons or customers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United States be specifically requested to oppose any measures which would prescribe any minimum interest rate or any maximum maturity dates for securities which are issued by cooperatives in payment of patronage savings payable to their patrons; and

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

Approved March 23, 1959.

RESOLUTION No. 4—H. F. No. 269

A resolution memorializing the federal power commission to permit furnishing of natural gas to northeastern Minnesota.

WHEREAS, it is now more than twenty years since the first application was made to the federal power commission for a certificate of necessity to install a pipe line and furnish natural gas to the Iron Range of northeastern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, this fuel is vitally necessary for use in processing the lower grade iron ores so abundant in northeastern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the lack of this fuel for use in beneficiating the low grade iron ores is causing serious unemployment in northeastern Minnesota;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the federal power commission be requested to speedily process the applications for permission to furnish natural gas to this area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State be instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the federal power commission.

Approved March 25, 1959.

RESOLUTION No. 5—H. F. No. 593

A resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to adopt the Blatnik Amendment to the "Federal Water Pollution Control Act."

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has recognized the benefits resulting to the public health and welfare by the prevention and control of water pollution; and

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the Congress of the United States to recognize, preserve, and protect the primary responsibilities and rights of the states in preventing and controlling water pollution, to support and aid technical research relating to the prevention and control of water pollution, and to provide financial aid to state, and interstate agencies and to municipalities in connection with the prevention and control of water pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable John A. Blatnik, a member of Congress from the State of Minnesota, has proposed an amendment, H.R. 3610, to the "Federal Water Pollution Control Act," which amendment provides for a more effective control and prevention of water pollution, and for increased financial aid to state and municipalities for such purpose, and is known as the "Blatnik Amendment" to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; and

WHEREAS, the President has named a nine-man advisory board to study the water pollution situation and make recommendations, which board has filed its report and recommendations, which recommendations are incorporated in H.R. 3610;