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REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

DULY ENROLLED AND DEPOSITED WITH THE

SECRETARY OF STATE

RESOLUTION No. 1-H. F. No. 21

A resolution ratifying a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America relating to succession to the Presidency and Vice Presidency.

WHEREAS, both Houses of the Congress of the United States by a Joint Resolution proposed an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which reads as follows:

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (twothirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE

Section 1. In case of the removal of the President from office or of his death or resignation, the Vice President shall become President.

Sec. 2. Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the Vice President, the President shall nominate a Vice President who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of both Houses of Congress.

Sec. 3. Whenever the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, and until he transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting President.

Sec. 4. Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President.

Thereafter, when the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that no inability exists, he shall resume the powers and duties of his office unless the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive department or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit within four days to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office. Thereupon Congress shall decide the issue, assembling within fortyeight hours for that purpose if not in session. If the Congress, within twenty-one days after receipt of the latter written declaration, or, if Congress is not in session, within twenty-one days after Congress is required to assemble, determines by two-thirds vote of both Houses that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall continue to discharge the same as Acting President; otherwise, the President shall resume the powers and duties of his office."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby ratified by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of

the State of Minnesota is directed to forward copies of this resolution to the administrator of the General Services Administration, to the presiding officer of the Senate of the United States and the speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and transmit an official notice of this resolution to the Secretary of State of the United States as provided by the law of this state.

Approved February 10, 1967.

RESOLUTION No. 2-S. F. No. 289

A resolution memoralizing the President, the United States Congress and Secretary of the Department of Transportation to maintain the Federal-Aid Highway Program at its 1966 levels.

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Public Roads of the Department of Transportation in late November of 1966 advised all states of a cut in their authority to obligate Federal-Aid Highway Funds for fiscal 1967 as well as a retroactive prohibition on obligating any funds not yet obligated from previous apportionments as of June 30, 1966; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota had \$23,100,000 authorized, but not released for obligation as of June 30, 1966, and an additional appropriation of \$102,300,000 was made in October 1966, making a total of \$125,400,000 of which only \$76,400,000 is now available for obligation during this fiscal year, a reduction of \$49,000,000; and

WHEREAS, improvements in Minnesota's highway program are essential to the economic growth and development of Minnesota, and vital to our national defense program, curtailment of less essential programs should be considered; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has geared its highway planning and steadily increasing construction in reliance on the promises, announced policies, budgets, statutes and urgings of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the private construction industry has increased its employment and capital investments to meet anticipated highway department programs; and

WHEREAS, the Federal-Aid cut will create employment difficulties in both state government and private industries as well as losses in capital investments; and