

RESOLUTION 2—S.F.No.8

A resolution memorializing the government of North Vietnam to provide fair treatment for prisoners of war and adequate information about men missing in action.

WHEREAS, nearly 1,600 members of the Armed Forces of the United States are officially listed either as missing in action or as prisoners of war in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, these men have suffered and continue to suffer pain, imprisonment, deprivation of their rights, prolonged separation from their loved ones, and the peculiar mental and physical anguish which is the unique lot of the prisoner of war; and

WHEREAS, their wives, children, parents and other relatives in the United States suffer with them the agony of separation and of loneliness; and

WHEREAS, these men have carried out, and continue to carry out their duties to their country in accordance with their military orders; and

WHEREAS, it is entirely just and in accord with humanitarian instincts that we, the American people, remember these men, cherish their contributions to our security, and pray for their safety and their speedy return to their homes and families; and

WHEREAS, these gallant men have borne so great a burden and must not be forsaken and we pray to the God of Justice that their burden be lifted and that strength be given to strike the shackles that deny them freedom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, that we call upon the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam, Hanoi, Vietnam, and their allies, to:

Release the identification of all American servicemen who are prisoners of war or missing in action in Southeast Asia;

Provide them better treatment and inspection of their facilities by an impartial neutral commission;

Provide immediate repatriation of the sick and wounded;

Permit the right of free communication between prisoners and their families;

Live up, in all respects, to their commitments under the 1949 Geneva Convention on treatment of prisoners as they have signed an agreement to so do; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota send a copy of this resolution to the President of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Hanoi, Vietnam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Xuan Thuy, Delegation of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, 8 Avenue General Leclerc, 94 Choisey-le-Roe, Paris, France.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States and members of the Minnesota Congressional Delegation with a request that copies of the resolution be inserted into the Congressional Record.

Approved February 19, 1971.

RESOLUTION 3—S.F.No.1322

A resolution ratifying a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, extending the right to vote to citizens eighteen years of age and older.

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 (two-thirds 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. The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.