

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 12, 1973.

RESOLUTION 2—S.F.No.559

A resolution memorializing Congress to pass a federal aid highway act for the 1974 and 1975 fiscal years.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has not yet passed a federal highway act for the fiscal years 1974 and 1975; and

WHEREAS, funding for the federal aid highway system will expire on June 30, 1973, unless Congress passes new legislation; and

WHEREAS, uncertainty over future levels of federal funds inevitably disrupts long range transportation planning in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, delays in federally aided highway projects represent an obstacle to the economic development of outstate Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, many important issues in the field of transportation need to be resolved by Congress as soon as possible; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the legislature of the State of Minnesota, that the Congress of the United States enact a federal highway act for the fiscal years 1974 and 1975 at the earliest feasible date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the chairman of the Committee on Public Works of the United States Senate, the chairman of the Committee on Public Works of the United States House of Representatives and the other Minnesota Representatives and Senators in Congress.

Approved February 23, 1973.

RESOLUTION 3—H.F.No.46

A resolution memorializing the President of the United States to restore the National Waterbank Program and the Rural Environment Assistance Program.

WHEREAS, the National Waterbank Program has provided farmers in Minnesota and across the nation the opportunity to preserve wetlands and wildlife habitat while retaining control of their land; and

WHEREAS, the Rural Environment Assistance Program has for many years allowed 3,000 to 4,000 Minnesota farmers to carry out conservation practices on set-aside acres; and

WHEREAS, these two federal programs have returned many times their original cost through soil fertility, preservation of water resources and retention of sanctuaries for important wildlife species; and

WHEREAS, through what seems to be a short sighted and unfortunate decision, the Nixon administration has cancelled the funding of both programs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the President consider the value of the Waterbank and REAP programs to rural America and restore these programs immediately and that Congress act to insure that these programs are restored and continued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the State of Minnesota transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Office of Management