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SESSION RESOLUTIONS

DULY ENROLLED AND DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

RESOLUTION 1—S.F.No.720

A resolution memorializing Congress and the President to stop railroad abandonment.

WHEREAS, maintaining adequate, competitive transportation facilities is equally vital to industry, business and all consumers; and

WHEREAS, railroad service is particularly vital to hundreds of Minnesota communities; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's biggest industry, agriculture, is heavily dependent upon the railroads to move its production equipment and supplies, and its millions of tons of farm grains to market; and

WHEREAS, the loss of rail freight service that has already occurred and the continued loss of freight service that is programmed by the railroads for abandonment of most branch lines and some sections of primary rail arteries has had and will increasingly have a disastrous economic impact upon the State of Minnesota and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the appropriate federal agencies declare a moratorium on all further railroad abandonments immediately until a study is completed and it is determined if reasonable transportation alternatives are available to the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Congressional Delegation of this State, to the President of the United States, to the Interstate Commerce Commission, to the Secretary of Transportation, to the Chairmen of the United States House and Senate Committees on Transportation and Commerce, and to the major farm organizations requesting their support for the enactment of this program.