

RESOLUTION 6 — S.F.No. 1957

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States in support of a mutual freeze with the Soviet Union on the testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons and delivery systems.

WHEREAS, the horror of a nuclear holocaust is universally acknowledged; and,

WHEREAS, all cities in the northern hemisphere could be destroyed by nuclear warfare in 30 minutes; and,

WHEREAS, the United States has enough nuclear weapons to destroy every Soviet city of 100,000 at least 40 times and the Soviets can destroy ours 22 times; and,

WHEREAS, the current strategy of the Soviet Union and the United States together calls for the production of at least 20,000 additional nuclear warheads and a new generation of delivery systems during the next decade; and,

WHEREAS, the federal government is planning to spend more than \$1 trillion on the military in the next five years and at least \$100 billion of that will go for nuclear weapons resulting in an unbalanced budget, major unemployment, and high interest rates; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesotans will pay about \$400 million in federal tax dollars for nuclear weapons in 1982 alone; and,

WHEREAS, the expenditure of this Minnesota money on nuclear weaponry rather than basic human services will reduce federal support to Minnesotans for mass transit, agriculture, housing, education, energy, medical care, and many other programs; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it supports a mutual freeze by the United States and the Soviet Union on the testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons and of missiles and new aircraft designed primarily to deliver nuclear weapons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to transmit certified copies of this memorial to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the State of the United States, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to the Minnesota Senators and Representatives in Congress.

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RESOLUTION 7 — S.F.No. 2127

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to take immediate steps to curb the sources of acid rain.

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WHEREAS, acid rain is becoming our number one environmental problem across the United States and Canada with a potential of destroying agricultural crops, forestry, aquatic life, and causing damage to structural buildings; and,

WHEREAS, the long-range transport of atmospheric pollutants can cause acid rain far from the emission source and is a growing interstate and international problem; and,

WHEREAS, current provisions in the Clean Air Act are not adequate to address the problems of acid rain, and present and future generations will be more adversely affected by delayed action; and,

WHEREAS, acid rain contributes to the increasing levels of heavy metal concentrations in public reservoirs and waterways which can pose a potential threat to human health; and,

WHEREAS, acid rain has destroyed aquatic life in lakes, retarded certain forest and agricultural crop growth, and corroded metals and public buildings and statues; and,

WHEREAS, in the Voyageurs National Park and our own Boundary Waters Canoe Area, recent tests show high acidity in the lakes which scientists fear will cause serious damage to their whole ecosystems if the conditions remain unchecked; and,

WHEREAS, the problem of acid rain is a serious threat to the tourism component of Minnesota's economy and the friendly relations with our neighbors in Canada; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the President and Congress should take immediate action to reduce the sources of acid rain by amendment to the Clean Air Act, or by separate legislation, and by providing adequate funding to the Environmental Protection Agency for monitoring and enforcement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is instructed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, to the Minnesota Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to the Ambassador of Canada to the United States.

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RESOLUTION 8 — H.F.No. 2271

A resolution memorializing the President of the United States and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration against any attempt to prohibit local governments from restricting aircraft noise.

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