

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.

Approved March 22, 1982

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.

Changes or additions are indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.

WHEREAS, the administration of President Reagan has indicated that it is considering the prohibition of local communities efforts to restrict aircraft noise; and,

WHEREAS, the noise abatement rules are necessary to preserve the quality of life for those having homes or businesses near airports; and,

WHEREAS, local noise abatement laws have been worked out by cooperation between residents, business men and women, local governments, and the airlines; and,

WHEREAS, an attempt by Washington to unilaterally usurp the carefully worked out local solutions to the airport noise problem is directly contrary to the Reagan administration's professed desire to limit federal regulation in favor of local control; and,

WHEREAS, the local noise abatement laws do not impose an unreasonable burden on the airlines; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the legislature of the state of Minnesota that it urges President Reagan and the Federal Aviation Administration Administrator J. Lynn Helms to refrain from any attempt to prohibit or limit the right of localities to adopt noise abatement laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepare certified copies of this memorial and forward them to the President of the United States, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and to Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved March 23, 1982