

WHEREAS, consumer prices have continued to increase despite dramatic drops in farm prices; and

WHEREAS, more than 10,000 Minnesota farms have been permanently wiped out in the past four years according to the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, at least one-third of Minnesota's remaining farmers are suffering severe financial stress; and

WHEREAS, a fair price for farmers is the only real true solution for agriculture, Minnesota's largest industry; and

WHEREAS, a fair price for Minnesota's farmers would bring at least \$1 billion of new income into Minnesota since much of Minnesota's farm production is sold out of the state and out of the country; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that Congress should immediately pass the "Save the Family Farm Act," or similar legislation that will restore profitability to agriculture by paying farmers a fair price for their product, save taxpayers over \$20 billion per year by eliminating all government subsidies, and will maintain export markets through the use of bonus bushels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minnesota Secretary of State 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 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the United States Senate, the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture of the United States House of Representatives, and the Minnesota Representatives and Senators in Congress.

Approved February 4, 1987

RESOLUTION 2—H.F.No. 66

A resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact an extension of the federal highway program at the earliest possible date.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States adjourned on October 18, 1986, without having enacted an extension of the federal highway program; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this failure to enact an extension, the federal highway program officially expired September 30, 1986; and

WHEREAS, expiration of the program has meant that federal highway user taxes are still being collected but the revenues are not being distributed to the states for needed highway improvements; and

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WHEREAS, Minnesota would be entitled to over \$250,000,000 in federal funds which are not now being distributed because of the expiration of the program; and

WHEREAS, swift action by the Congress early in its 1987 session is necessary if Minnesota and other states are to be able to use the federal funds to which they are entitled during the 1987 construction season; and

WHEREAS, the unavailability of federal funds during the 1987 construction season would cause a major setback in Minnesota's efforts to strengthen its economy through safer and more efficient transportation; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the Congress of the United States to enact an extension of the federal highway program, and thereby make available to Minnesota and other states the federal aid which their taxpayers have provided, at the earliest possible date.

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

Approved March 4, 1987

RESOLUTION 3—S.F.No. 653

A resolution memorializing the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to grant exit visas to Jewish prisoners of conscience.

WHEREAS, the government of the Soviet Union has recently demonstrated a new openness in their society by releasing some political prisoners; and

WHEREAS, the right to leave is contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the right to family reunification is recognized by the signatories to the Helsinki Accords; and

WHEREAS, Jews remain the only recognized nationality in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics deprived of their cultural and linguistic identity, and the exercise of the Jewish religion has been restricted in a manner which is excessive even by the standards of Soviet law; and

WHEREAS, Jews are threatened by a systematic Soviet propaganda assault disguised as anti-Zionism; and

WHEREAS, Jews are subject to discrimination in higher education and employment; and

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