

(8) incorporate technologies that can detect and locate pipeline leaks and spills into standards for new pipelines;

Finally, the legislation should mandate that the National Transportation Safety Board sponsor or conduct increased research on pipeline safety technologies and conduct a comprehensive study on the extent to which longitudinal seams in some electric resistance welded pipelines are prone to experience failures;

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

Filed April 30, 1987

RESOLUTION 6—H.F.No. 462

A resolution memorializing the United States Congress to maintain the Veteran's Administration system of health care facilities.

WHEREAS, Minnesota is home to 504,000 veterans, 85,700 of them over age 65; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2000 there will be more than 138,300 Minnesota veterans over age 65; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Veteran's Administration health care system is to provide care tailored to meet the needs of veterans, to back up the military hospital system in a national emergency, to conduct research and train health professionals, and to provide leadership for other national medical entities in the area of geriatric care; and

WHEREAS, Veteran's Administration facilities in Minnesota during fiscal year 1985 treated 23,693 people on an inpatient basis, recorded 356,385 outpatient visits, reimbursed 1,275 veterans for nursing home care, trained students in all health care disciplines, and employed 4,647 people with total salaries of \$97,362,419; and

WHEREAS, there are proposals in Congress to dismantle the Veteran's Administration health care system and place the responsibility for providing the health care services on individual states; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Veteran's Administration health care facilities in Minnesota would have a significant economic, political, and social impact; NOW, THEREFORE,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the United States Congress, and most particularly the Minnesota Congressional Delegation, to recognize the special role of the Veteran's Administration health care system and strive to maintain this system in Minnesota with adequate funding.

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 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.

Filed May 14, 1987

RESOLUTION 7—H.F.No. 575

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to immediately direct the Farmers Home Administration to participate in and cooperate with the Farmer-Lender Mediation Program in the State of Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has established a Farmer-Lender Mediation program which is mandatory for private lenders in Minnesota who wish to enforce a security agreement secured by agricultural property; and

WHEREAS, mediation protects the interests of lenders while affording farmers an opportunity to contend in a rational manner with the catastrophe facing them in the farm economy; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Farmer-Lender Mediation Program is to facilitate improved communication between farmers and lenders; and

WHEREAS, over 5,000 mediation cases have been negotiated and settled or are in progress at the time this resolution is being considered; and

WHEREAS, the Farmer-Lender Mediation Program has proven highly successful at bringing farmers and lenders together to resolve conflicts in a positive, constructive manner; and

WHEREAS, the Farmers Home Administration currently holds approximately 10,500 farm accounts in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, about 2,950 of the farm accounts held by Farmers Home Administration in Minnesota are in arrears or in default; and

WHEREAS, the Farmers Home Administration has failed and refused to cooperate with the Farmer-Lender Mediation Program in the State of Minnesota; NOW, THEREFORE,

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