

ed that in case of importation of live stock *capita* of fifty cents is added to the impost of five per cent. ad valorem, which, on a pair of oxen, say one hundred dollars, makes the whole twenty-one dollars in coin. This is onerous to the people and destructive to their interest, therefore

*Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota*

Senators and representatives to use efforts to have live stock exempt from duty

That our senators and representatives are requested to use their efforts to procure the passage of a law exempting from duty all live stock coming into the state from the Red River settlements, so that the same may be admitted free of duty.

Approved March 9, 1867.

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#### NUMBER IV.

March 9, 1867

*Joint Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, relative to the Northern Pacific Railroad*

Preamble

*Whereas*, The construction (of a railroad) from the head of Lake Superior to the Pacific ocean, by the northern route, is an enterprise of the first importance, not only to the State of Minnesota, but to the whole of the country, the great lakes with their water courses affording navigation half way across the continent.

*And whereas*, Also the construction of a railroad from the Falls of St. Anthony to a point of connection with the Northern Pacific Railroad on the line of the North would give an all-rail connection between Milwaukee, Chicago and the eastern cities, and the most direct and favorable route to the Pacific coast.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested to use their best endeavors to secure to this enterprise, including the above mentioned branch from the Falls of St. Anthony to a point of junction on the Red River of the North, the same aid in lands and bonds, which has been extended to the Union Pacific Railroad near the fortieth parallel.

Senators in Congress to secure construction of railroad

*Resolved,* That the secretary of state be requested to forward a certified copy of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives.

Approved March 9, 1867.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, }  
Saint Paul, June 20, 1867.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Laws and Joint Resolutions have been carefully compared with the originals on file in this office, and that the same are true and correct copies thereof.

H. C. ROGERS, *Secretary of State.*