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Joint resolution of the Legislature of Minnesota relative to the purchase of Alaska and the transfer of certain territory.

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

I. That the congress of the United States is hereby requested to confirm by requisite legislation the annexation of Alaska to the United States.

II. That we regret to be informed of a purpose to transfer the territories between Minnesota and Alaska to the dominion of Canada by an order in council at London without a vote of the people of Selkirk and the settlers upon the sources of the Saskatchewan river, who largely consist of emigrants from the United States; and we would respectfully urge that the president and congress of the United States shall represent to the government of Great Britain that such action will be an unwarrantable interference with the principle of self-government and cannot be regarded with indifference by the people of the United States.

III. That the legislature of Minnesota would rejoice to be assured that the cession of Northwest British America to the United States, accompanied by the construction of a Northern Pacific Railroad, are regarded by Great Britain and Canada as satisfactory provisions of a treaty which shall remove all grounds of controversy between the respective countries.

Approved March 6, 1868.

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