

line of road extending from Saint Cloud to Saint Vincent shall be constructed *via* Sauk Centre, Osakis, Alexandria and Fergus Falls in this state, but we hereby direct our senators and request our representatives in congress not to permit the passage of any such act of extension which does not grant the said lands directly to the state of Minnesota, and with the power, upon the part of the state, clearly expressed in the act, to impose any and all additional terms and conditions in the disposition of said lands, which experience has shown to be necessary for the protection of the people, and with full power on the part of the state to grant said lands to any company or companies the state may select, due regard being had to the rights of individuals who have performed work upon, or paid money for such uncompleted portions of said roads.

The governor is hereby requested to forward copies of this memorial to each of the senators and members of the house of representatives of this state and also the president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives.

Approved March 5, 1874.

NUMBER XXV.

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONGRESS ASKING THAT GOVERNMENT LANDS IN THIS STATE, TO THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY SECTIONS, BE GRANTED TO THE STATE IN LIEU OF THE TWENTY SECTIONS ON THE WINNEBAGO INDIAN RESERVATION, IN WASECA AND BLUE EARTH COUNTIES, HERETOFORE SOLD AND CONVEYED BY THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT TO PRIVATE PARTIES.

WHEREAS, By act of March third, A. D. eighteen hundred and forty-nine, known as the organic act of Minnesota, the congress of the United States did enact "that when the lands in the said territory (of Minnesota) shall be surveyed under the direction of the government of the United States, preparatory to bringing the same into market, sections numbered sixteen and thirty-six in each township in said territory shall be, and the same are hereby reserved for the purpose of being applied to schools in said territory, and in the state and territories hereafter to be created out of the same;" and

WHEREAS, The first clause of section five of the act authorizing a state government, passed by congress February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, provides, "that sections numbered

sixteen and thirty-six, in every township of public lands in this state, and where either of said sections, or any part thereof, has been sold or otherwise disposed of, other lands, equivalent thereto and as contiguous as may be, shall be granted to said state for the use of schools;" and

WHEREAS, The said Winnebago Indian reservation included twenty sections of said school lands which had been "surveyed under the direction of the general government of the United States, preparatory to bringing said lands into market," prior to their occupancy by the Winnebago Indians; and

WHEREAS, The government of the United States, by and through its officers and agents, has, contrary to the best interests of the state of Minnesota, since such survey, sold and conveyed the said school lands to diverse persons, and taken and received compensation therefor, to the great damage of the common school fund of this state; therefore

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

That congress be requested to pass a law appropriating twenty sections of other government lands in this state, as nearly equivalent in value to the said Winnebago Indian reservation lands as possible.

Resolved further, That the governor of this state be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our senators and representatives in congress at as early a day as practicable; and that said senators and representatives be requested to press this just and reasonable claim upon the attention of the national legislature at an early day.

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NUMBER XXVI.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVING THE NAVIGATION OF THE RIVER AND LAKE ST. CROIX.

WHEREAS, The St. Croix river and lake form a continuous navigable stream from the village of Taylor's Falls, in the state of Minnesota, to the City of Prescott, in the State of Wisconsin, where said Lake St. Croix empties into the Mississippi river; and