

Whereas, Measures are now pending in both branches of the present congress, (being house bill number one hundred and ten, and senate bill number seven hundred and ninety-five), which provide for the adjustment of this whole question by authorizing the refunding to the states and territories which have paid any or all of said tax, the amount so paid; and the cancellation of all charges, on account of delinquency, against such states and territories as have not paid the same; and

WHEREAS, The method of adjustment proposed by said bills has the hearty approval and indorsement of the secretary and comptroller of the treasury, to whom said bills were referred by the committees of congress considering the same, for their official examination and report; and

WHEREAS, Approving said plan of adjustment as being in its nature a measure of relief to the states in default, and one of simple justice to those which have paid, and in view of the important interests therein involved to the state of Minnesota; therefore,

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

That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to urge the passage of the bills hereinbefore referred to, or other measures having the same objects in view, and to use their best endeavors, in co-operation with the agent of this state, and in support of his efforts, to thus secure to the state the amount paid by her on account of said tax; Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of the above preamble and resolution be sent by the governor of this state to our senators and representatives in congress, and to our state agent.

Approved February 26, 1885.

NUMBER 3.

JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE DEATH OF THE HON. SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota,

That we have heard of the sudden death of Hon. Schuyler Colfax with feelings of unfeigned sorrow; that we mourn in common with the entire American people the loss of a Christian patriot, a once brilliant leader; at all times a staunch and able defender of American institutions and laws, withal a judicious and conscientious statesman, adviser and friend of the nation in the darkest hours of its adversity and peril.

Resolved, That in everything that constituted purity of life and motives and genuine regard of his fellows, he afforded an example fully worthy of imitation for all times to come.

Resolved, That in his sudden and deplorable death, almost in our very midst, we are aware of the shadows that have so remorselessly fallen upon his family and friends of home, and we hereby express to them our sincere sympathy in view of this their great affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread at length upon the records of both branches of this legislature, and a copy of the same be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

Approved January 22, 1885.

NUMBER 4.

A JOINT RESOLUTION, URGING UPON CONGRESS THE IMMEDIATE ENLARGEMENT OF THE LOCKAGE OF THE SAULT SAINT MARY CANAL.

WHEREAS, It appears from the report of General O. M. Poe, chief of engineers United States of America, that the Sault Saint Mary canal, at its present rate of increase, will within four years outgrow the utmost capacity of the lockage system of said canal,

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

That we hereby respectfully urge upon congress the necessity for immediate and liberal appropriations for the enlargement of the lockage of said canal.

Resolved, That the secretary of state forward a copy of these resolutions to the president of the United States senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 20, 1885.

NUMBER 5.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, The law of July twenty-seventh (27th) one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one (1861), and the joint declaratory resolution of March eighth (8th), one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two (1862), provided for the reimbursement of the states for all sums by them expended in defense of the United States; and,