

liberal allowances for the work on the upper reaches of the Mississippi; the Reservoir System; the Minnesota River; the Red River of the North; the St. Croix and Chippewa Rivers; the Harbors of Lake Superior; the Sault Ste. Marie Canal; Hay Lake Chanel; St. Clair Flats, together with such other works as shall tend to open up our water routes to and from the markets of the world.

That a copy of this memorial be forwarded to each of our senators and members of congress.

Approved January 22, 1887.

NUMBER 11.

[H. F. No. 156.]

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONGRESS RELATING TO THE EXTENSION OF THE PENSION ARREARS ACT.

WHEREAS, The arrears of pension act of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine (1879), provides that all pensions granted or applications filed on or after July first (1st), one thousand eight hundred and eighty (1880), shall commence on the date of filing; and

WHEREAS, Many brave and disabled soldiers were denied arrears under this act, and without any cause for this exclusion; and

WHEREAS, Pensions granted should be commensurate with the period of disability, without regard to the time of filing of application; therefore

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

That congress be requested to repeal so much of said act as limits the arrears of pensions to applications filed prior to said date of July first (1st), one thousand eight hundred and eighty (1880); and that said act be so amended as to extend such limit according to the recommendation of the national pension committee of the grand army of the republic, so as to remove said limits.

That congress, at the present session, be respectfully requested to pass the pension acts recommended by the national pension committee of the grand army of the republic;

That the secretary of state be and is hereby requested to send certified copies of this resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved March 1st, 1887.