

Therefore, resolved by the house of representatives, the senate concurring.

That the board of commissioners appointed by the act of April 16, 1889, to prepare and publish a history of the organization and services of Minnesota troops in the Civil War of 1861-1865, and the Indian War of 1862, and the official reports and correspondence relating to the organization and services of Minnesota troops in the Civil and Indian wars, 1861-1865, to be carefully compiled and edited, indexed and published, be and are hereby authorized and directed to investigate the official statement above referred to, and examine all official reports relating thereto, and hear the testimony of all witnesses having knowledge of the facts therein referred to; and from such evidence, shall find and report to the governor of this state, the facts in relation to the placing of the colors in the hands of any non-commissioned officer, and planting of the same on the rebel intrenchments, and the name of the commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer, or soldier, or enlisted man who planted said colors on the rebel intrenchments, and all facts in relation thereto.

Resolved, second, that when said report is made and filed with the governor, he shall cause the publication of the same in general orders, from the adjutant general's office, and a copy of such general order shall be inserted by the adjutant general, and placed between pages 582 and 583 of vol. 2 of "Minnesota in the Civil and Indian War."

Resolved, third, that said board of commissioners are authorized in carrying out the provisions of this resolution to summon witnesses, administer oaths, and all expenses incurred by them shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the governor.

Approved March 7, 1893.

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### NUMBER 3.

*Joint resolution in reference to an interstate conference as to a certain unlawful coal combination or trust.*

Whereas, certain railroad corporations and coal mine owners of Pennsylvania, and other states, have united in an unlawful combination or trust to prevent competition, and maintain the prices of coal at an unreasonable rate; and have for that purpose spread their monopoly over all the Northern states of this Union, plundering the people thereof of millions of dollars annually. And, whereas, it is difficult for any one state to contend alone successfully with this gigantic interstate conspiracy, and fully overthrow such a widespread evil, but the powers of all the states and of the national government must be invoked for the protection of the people of the entire country.

Therefore be it resolved, by the legislature of the state of Minnesota, that the governor of Minnesota is respectfully requested to correspond with the governors of all the states of the United States of America and request them to appoint commissioners to meet on the first Monday of June of this year, at such place as the said governors may agree upon, to confer together and formulate such remedial measures as may be necessary to abate this great evil; and submit the same to their respective states and to the next congress of the United

States for their consideration and action; and to take all other steps which they may deem wise and proper for the prosecution of the members of said unlawful combination in their respective states.

And be it further resolved, that the governor of this state is hereby requested and authorized to appoint ten commissioners, citizens of this state, who shall represent this state at such conference. They shall be entitled to receive their actual expenses, to be paid upon vouchers submitted by the governor by the state treasurer upon the warrants of the state auditor, and there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars to pay the expenses of the said commissioners.

And be it further resolved, that in case all the governors of the states referred to neglect or decline to appoint any such commissioners, that then the commissioners appointed by and for this state shall meet and propose such measures as they may think proper for the consideration and action of congress.

Approved April 8, 1893.

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#### NUMBER 4.

##### *A joint resolution.*

Resolved by the senate and the house of representatives of the state of Minnesota,

That, whereas, the distance tariff and terminal freight rates of the various railroads in the state have not been revised for several years, and that by reason of the large growth of population and development of unimproved properties, the general traffic has been largely increased, and that by various inventions and improvements, particularly in the use of steel rails, improved gradients and enlarged car capacity, the cost of transportation is largely diminished, and whereas, freight charges in the commercial relations of any state are a tax upon its industrial energies and development, and should be regulated at the lowest rates consistent with a fair return to the investors in railroad properties, and whereas, the establishment and continuance of freight rates should not be the unquestioned mandate of the railroads themselves,

Therefore, resolved, that the board of railroad and warehouse commissioners are hereby advised and directed to exercise the powers clothed in them by "the laws of this state," and revise the distance and terminal tariffs of the railroads so far as the same relate to traffic originating and terminating within this state under a proper and equitable classification, and establish, and "publish according to law," a schedule of maximum rates that will give to the people of the state of Minnesota as fair and equitable rates as are now enjoyed by the "people of the other states of the Union," to take effect on the first day of July, 1893.

Resolved, that the attorney general of the state be also advised and directed to prosecute any and all railroads that do not comply with the rates of the railroad and warehouse commission so promulgated.

Approved April 14, 1893.