

NUMBER 7.

A joint resolution asking Congress to appropriate twenty-five thousand dollars for the improvement of the Minnesota river at the borough of Belle Plaine, Scott county, Minn.

Be it resolved by the senate of the state of Minnesota, the house of representatives concurring:

That whereas, the borough of Belle Plaine in the county of Scott and state of Minnesota has, by a vote of its people, built a free-toll iron drawbridge across the Minnesota river, within its limits, and whereas, the consent of the national government was obtained before said Minnesota river could be bridged, and whereas, the importance of continuing the work of the improvement of the Minnesota river in the interest of cheap transportation is a matter of natural interest, and whereas, there is a large amount of travel and intercourse between the citizens of the United States carried on across the said "free-toll iron bridge," and whereas, the highway leading to said bridge on the north side is in imminent danger of being cut in twain by reason of the Minnesota river changing its present bed or channel and running north of said bridge, thereby rendering said bridge useless to the public at large, and at this point the navigation of the Minnesota river endangered if not made worthless, which would be a great calamity, therefore

Be it resolved, that our senators and representatives in congress be and they are hereby requested to use all reasonable efforts to secure an appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be expended under the directions of the engineer of the United States in such manner as to save to and for the public at large the use of said "free-toll iron bridge" and the unimpaired navigation of the Minnesota river at this place.

Be it further resolved, that the secretary of state be requested to send a copy of these resolutions and preambles to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved January 31, 1893.

NUMBER 8.

A joint memorial of the senate and house of representatives of the state of Minnesota recommending the election of United States Senators by a popular vote.

Whereas, it is the sentiment of the people of the state of Minnesota that United States senators be elected by popular vote; therefore,

Resolved, by the house of representatives, the senate concurring, that our senators and representatives in congress be instructed and requested to use their influence in securing such an amendment to the constitution of the United States as will confer upon the electors of the several states the right to choose their senators at general elections.