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JOINT RESOLUTION.

[S. F. NO. 37.]

Interstate rail-
roads.

A joint resolution relating to the railroad pooling bill now pending in the United States senate.

Whereas, section four (4) of article ten (10) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, provides that all corporations being common carriers, enjoying the right of way in pursuance of the provisions of this section, shall be bound to carry the mineral, agricultural and other productions of manufactures on equal and reasonable terms, and

Whereas, many of the railroad corporations chartered and endowed with munificent grants and valuable franchises, rights and privileges by this state, have by their extensions through growth and consolidation, become interstate common carriers, and as such claim freedom from state jurisdiction and regulation, and

Whereas, all attempts at state regulation designed to protect the people of the state from such common misuse of railroad corporate power as rebates, pooling, and unequal and unreasonable traffic charges have proved insufficient by reason of the position of these corporations as being mediums of interstate commerce as claimed by them; and

Patterson
pooling bill.

Whereas, the house of representatives of the United States has recently passed, and there is now pending in the senate a bill called the "Patterson pooling bill," which is designed to repeal that portion of the interstate commerce law which prohibits the pooling of business or earnings among competing railroad lines, and thus to legalize a gigantic trust and to destroy all competition among common carriers and entirely sweep away the only protection the people of this state and the country have against such monopolies.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Minnesota:

Request to
defeat.

That our senators and representatives in congress be and they are hereby requested to use all their influence and all honorable means to defeat such bill and to prevent its being enacted into a law.

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

Approved February 1st, 1895.