

# MEMORIALS

AND

# JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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## CHAPTER 381.

S. F. No. 312.

*A memorial to Congress asking that the lands in Winnibegoshish, Chippewa and Leech Lake Indian reservations be withheld from sale until after January 1, 1902.*

Indian reservations, memorial to Congress as to lands in.

To the Congress of the United States:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully represent that the large primeval forests of pine with which this state was originally blest, are fast disappearing; that if any of such tracts which are accessible by railway to the centers of population are to be saved for the benefit of mankind, it is necessary that they be acquired in the near future and before they pass into the possession of those who would strip them of their timber; that the lands included in the Winnibegoshish, Chippewa and Leech Lake Indian Reservations contain the finest and best specimens of such tracts of Norway or red pine extant which have not passed into the hands of private ownership; that the size of the trees, the magnitude of the tracts, the elevation and lay of the land, the sandy, loamy character of the soil which is largely carpeted with pine needles, their accessibility by rail, while remote from the centers of population, and including within their limits many of our finest and most important lakes, thus insuring for all time a pure and resinous atmosphere, render their acquisition for park and sanatorium purposes of the highest importance to mankind in general and to the people of this state in par-

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ticular; that very little, if any, of said lands could ever be used for agricultural purposes; that the citizens of this state are desirous that said reservations shall be devoted to such purposes, and have taken steps to that end; and that if said lands should at this time be sold, they would pass into the control of those who would at once cut off the timber therefrom.

WHEREFORE, for these and other reasons, your memorialists would most respectfully ask the congress of the United States to take such action as will result in causing the lands within said reservations to be withdrawn and withheld from sale until after the 1st day of January, 1902, and earnestly request that the matters aforesaid may receive the early and favorable consideration of congress.

They further request that our senators and representatives in congress use their best efforts and all honorable means to accomplish the purpose of this memorial, and that the governor of this state forward copies of this memorial to each of our senators and representatives in congress, to the secretary of the interior, the commissioner of the general land office and to the Indian commissioner.

Approved February 20, 1899.

S. F. No. 449.

## CHAPTER 382.

Indian reservations. Memorial to congress as to.

*A memorial to Congress, declaring the intention of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota in the passage of its memorial, S. F. 312, approved February 20, 1899 (asking that the lands in Winnebagoish, Chippewa and Leech Lake Indian reservations be withheld from sale until after January first, 1902).*

Intent of legislature in memorial passed Feb. 20th, 1899, that lands of be withheld from sale.

To the Congress of the United States:

Your memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, respectfully represents that by its memorial, S. F. 312, approved February 20th, 1899 (asking that the lands in Winnebagoish, Chippewa and Leech Lake Indian Reservations be withheld from sale until after January first 1902), the legislature intended that only the lands within said reservations and embraced within the Leech Lake reservation, the Winnebagoish reservation, and the Cass Lake reservation, should be withdrawn and withheld from sale until after the first day of January, 1902, it being the intention of the legislature to ask the withdrawal of all the reservation land contiguous and