

WHEREAS, the rapid expansion of the various municipalities of the state has created a large demand upon the investment board for loans to construct school houses and other necessary public improvements; therefore,

Be it Resolved, by the senate, the house of representatives concurring, that it is the sense of this legislature, that at any time on or before December 31, 1914, on those land certificates wherein the time limit for payment has expired or will expire on or before December 31, 1914, the state treasurer shall receive the principal and interest payments, and that the governor be, and he is hereby authorized to execute patents covering those tracts on which all demands due to the state have been paid in full.

Approved March 5, 1913.

JOINT RESOLUTION No. 4.

Enacted
Protesting against the transfer of national forest reserve to state control.

WHEREAS, bills have been introduced in congress under the terms of which the national forest reserve will be turned over to the various states, and

WHEREAS, the national forest reserve contain more than two billion dollars worth of the people's property—property which it is essential should be maintained intact for the public good—and

WHEREAS, the administration of the national forest reserve by the federal forest service of the department of agriculture has been and is a credit to that department, and has been conducted in the best interest of the state in which such forest reserves are located, and

WHEREAS, the states are not prepared to take without the co-operation of the federal government as good care of such enormously valuable property as this property is now receiving from the United States forest service, and

WHEREAS, the use of the national forests in producing timber and regulating the flow of streams in controlling grazing and in other respects are interstate and far-reaching; now, therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Minnesota house of representatives, the senate concurring, protest against the proposed action on the part of congress, the effect of which would be to transfer the control of the national forest reserves from the federal government to the individual states. This legislature further deploras the fact that such legislation has ever been proposed at this session of congress, since the people of the United States have repeatedly signified their approval of the splendid system under which

the national forest reserve are now administered. This legislature urges that the Minnesota delegation in congress exercise its strongest efforts to defeat this proposed legislation.

Be it Further Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the chief clerk of the house to each of our United States senators and to each of the members in each house of representatives, from this state.

Approved March 11, 1913.

JOINT RESOLUTION No. 5.

WHEREAS, the people of Ireland for many years have been struggling for home rule, only to have from time to time their aspirations blighted; and,

WHEREAS, their struggles for liberty have appealed to all true Americans who love freedom; and,

WHEREAS, the house of commons has, by a vote of one hundred and ten majority, passed the home rule bill for Ireland, therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the house of representatives of the state of Minnesota, the senate concurring therein, do hereby extend to the great Irish people its heartiest congralulations and wish them God-speed to the final conclusion of their glorious battle for home rule.

Resolved, that the governor of Minnesota, be and he is hereby requested to transmit a certified copy of these resolutions to the Hon. John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish party, and to Premier Asquith of the British parliament.

Approved March 19, 1913.

JOINT RESOLUTION No. 6.

A memorial from the legislature of the State of Minnesota, to the congress of the United States, for an appropriation for the erection of a monument to the memory of Lieutenant William S. Cox, U. S. N.

WHEREAS, the descendants of Lieutenant William S. Cox, U. S. N., prominent and valued citizens, are insistent that the memory of their ancestor is clouded by an unjust verdict of a court martial, convened under authority of the United States on April 14, 1814; therefore,

Resolved, by the state senate of the state of Minnesota, the house concurring, that the congress of the United States, be and is hereby respectfully urged to make an appropriation for the