

required in trying said cases, have so congested said State courts, that adequate and just relief to all said fire sufferers cannot, in the ordinary conduct of said courts, be obtained for many years to come, which is causing and will continue to cause great hardship, not only to plaintiffs in said cases, but also to litigants in other actions, and the general public as well; and,

WHEREAS, many of the persons who lost property in said fires have been greatly impoverished thereby and handicapped in carrying on their farming and other usual vocations by reason of the loss of buildings, stock, equipment and other property; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota shortly after said fires made an appropriation of a million, eight hundred thousand dollars for temporary relief, and other large appropriations have been made by public and other bodies, all of which said appropriations have been wholly inadequate to permanently relieve the situation or compensate the sufferers for their loss; and,

WHEREAS, said railroad administration has made no settlement or adjustment of any of the thousands of pending cases, but, on the contrary, has defended at great length each of the cases already tried at great expense to both said railroad administration and said plaintiffs;

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate, the House concurring, that in the interest of justice and with a proper regard for the public welfare, for the purpose of avoiding expense incident to litigation, and for the purpose of rebuilding the devastated territory and permitting the courts of Minnesota to take care of the ordinary business coming before them, we earnestly request the Congress of the United States to take such steps as may be deemed best and most expeditious for promptly disposing of said large number of pending cases, and for the prompt relief and reimbursement to said Minnesota Fire Sufferers who sustained loss in October, 1918, as a result of the operation of railroad properties in Northern Minnesota by said railroad administration as aforesaid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor of this State be, and he hereby is, requested to bring this matter to the attention of the President of the United States, and of each of the members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

Approved March 15, 1921.

RESOLUTION No. 6.

A concurrent resolution requiring the state boards of grain appeals to establish as "Minnesota Grades" of grain substantially the grades which were effective immediately prior to the adoption of the federal standards.

WHEREAS, in 1915 and for many years prior thereto the State boards of Grain Appeals have annually established grades of all grain subject to state inspection to be known as "Minnesota Grades," pursuant to the provisions of Section 4452 G. S. 1913, which were well adapted to the grading of grain grown in this State;

WHEREAS, under and pursuant to the provisions of the United States Grain Standards Act, approved August 11, 1916, the Secretary of Agriculture has established grades for grain which are known as official grain standards of the United States;

WHEREAS, since the establishment of such grain standards, by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Boards of Grain Appeals have designated such grain standards as the "Minnesota Grades," which they are required annually to establish;

WHEREAS, the "Minnesota Grades," in effect prior to such adoption of the federal standards, are much better adapted to the grain grown in Minnesota than such federal standards; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the said Boards of Grain Appeals be and they are hereby ordered and required, at the next annual meeting at which they shall establish grades to be known as "Minnesota Grades," pursuant to the provisions of Section 4452 G. S. 1913, to establish as such "Minnesota Grades substantially the grades in effect immediately prior to the adoption of the federal standards as "Minnesota Grades;" and be it further

RESOLVED, that the said boards of Grain Appeals be and they are hereby ordered and required to hold said annual meeting for the year 1921, at as early a date as possible after the 1921 harvest.

Provided, that if, prior to said annual meeting, modifications in the present official grain standards of the United States have been ordered by the Secretary of Agriculture, making the said federal grain standards substantially the Minnesota grades in effect prior to the enactment of the federal grain standards act, especially as to moisture contents, foreign material and test weights, then and in that event the Boards of Grain Appeals may establish such modified federal standards as "Minnesota Grades."

Approved March 18, 1921.

RESOLUTION No. 7.

Joint resolution by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota requesting the President by an embargo order, or congress by emergency tariff legislation, to prohibit the importation of agricultural products in such volume as will injure the agricultural industry of this country.