

products of the farm, or so greatly restrict the practice as to prevent its use for the purpose of manipulating the price of grain, cotton, and other farm products.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to each senator and representative from Minnesota in the Congress of the United States.

Approved April 8, 1921.

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RESOLUTION No. 9.

*A concurrent resolution memorializing congress of the United States to nullify certain orders of the interstate commerce commission affecting intrastate railroad rates and to amend the act to regulate commerce so as to render such orders in the future impossible.*

WHEREAS, in the so-called Esch-Pomerene Bill to amend the Act to Regulate Commerce, it was provided that the Interstate Commerce Commission should have authority to make such orders as might in its judgment tend to remove any undue burden upon interstate or foreign commerce;

WHEREAS, there was widespread apprehension both in Congress and with the public generally that the inclusion of such a provision would almost, if not entirely, eliminate state control of intrastate railroad rates, for the reason that the Commission might decide that any intrastate rates upon a lower basis than corresponding interstate rates would constitute such undue burden;

WHEREAS, after much debate upon the question, both in committee and upon the floor of the House of Representatives, it was decided that such objectionable provision should be and the same was stricken out of the bill;

WHEREAS, the Interstate Commerce Commission has, since the passage of the Transportation Act, 1920, interpreted Section 13(4) of the Act to Regulate Commerce, to confer upon it the same power over intrastate rates which it was feared would result had said undue burden clause been included; and, purporting to act under the authority of said section, the Commission has already made orders purporting to change entire systems of intrastate rates in the States of New York, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin and has many similar proceedings now pending before it;

WHEREAS, the reasons given by the Commission for the orders in question would apply wherever intrastate rates are upon a lower basis than the corresponding interstate rates, so that, under its interpretation of said Section 13(4), the legislatures of the several states have been deprived of substantially all power to regulate intrastate rates;

WHEREAS, the construction placed upon said section is not only in contravention of the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, but is directly contrary to the will of Congress as evidenced by its action when it removed said undue burden clause from the Esch-Pomerene Bill; wherefore it is

RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, the Senate concurring, that the Congress of the United States be and it is hereby respectfully and earnestly petitioned to take such action as will nullify the orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission hereinabove mentioned and to so amend the Act to Regulate Commerce as to render such orders impossible in the future.

Approved April 8, 1921.

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RESOLUTION No. 10.

*Resolution memorializing the congress of the United States to suspend immigration until a selective system of immigration be established:*

WHEREAS the extreme and unusual conditions brought about by the World War have caused millions of aliens to seek admission to the United States in the hope that they may be able here to improve economic conditions, and,

WHEREAS, under the present property and literacy qualifications, many undesirable persons are admitted to our shores who have no object in view other than to take advantage of the many opportunities offered by our institutions without any intention of assuming any of the duties and responsibilities of American Citizenship.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, the Senate concurring that the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States be, and they hereby are urged to pass a measure, by the terms of which all immigration shall cease for a period of one year or until such a time as national legislation can be adopted that will bring about a selective system of immigration and cause this selection to be made before taking passage to a port of entry in the United States.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to each member of the United States Senate and House of Representatives from Minnesota.

Approved April 8, 1921.

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RESOLUTION No. 11.

*A joint resolution memorializing the Secretary of Agriculture to make certain changes in the federal grain standards, and authori-*