

WHEREAS, The Great Lakes—St. Lawrence—Tidewater International Canal will furnish to the producers of Minnesota the export transportation facilities to which they are entitled; and,

WHEREAS, The early completion of said International Canal is of vital importance to all our people;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that we do most earnestly request our Senators and Representatives in the Congress to use every effort to cause the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence—Tidewater International Canal project to be undertaken and brought to completion at the earliest possible date; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that duly authenticated copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House, to the President of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from the state of Minnesota in the Congress.

Approved April 18, 1923.

RESOLUTION No. 17.

Joint resolution requesting the governor to call an extra session of the legislature in case the U. S. supreme court hands down an adverse decision on the tonnage tax.

Whereas The Minneapolis Journal published in its issue of March 19th, the following news item from Washington to-wit: "No decision was handed down by the Supreme Court today in the Minnesota Tonnage Tax Case. The Court adjourned until April 9th, which practically precludes action by the State Legislature during the present session in event the Court finds the Ore Tax Law invalid either in whole or in part,"

And whereas, in case the said Court should hand down a decision adverse to the state after the adjournment of this Legislature, and no opportunity is had to enact a Law imposing a Tonnage Tax on said ore property until the next regular session of the Legislature, the citizens of the State will stand to lose during the next two years several millions of dollars.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in the event of an adverse decision by said Court after the close of this session it is the sense of this body that the Governor of this State should immediately convene the Legislature in extra session for the purpose of enacting a Tonnage Tax Law which will be upheld by the Court or to cure any defects in the present law and bring to the tax burdened people of this State such sum or sums as they are in fairness and justice entitled. Provided, it is the sense of the Legislature that at such extra session no legislation shall be considered or acted upon except that relating to an occupation tonnage tax on iron ore.

Approved April 21, 1923.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

I, Mike Holm, Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing Session Laws, proposed amendments to the constitution of Minnesota, and joint and concurrent resolutions, passed and adopted by the legislature of 1923, have been compared with the enrolled copies deposited in the office of the secretary of state, and they are true and correct copies of said enrolled laws, proposed amendments and joint and concurrent resolutions.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the state at the capitol, in St. Paul, this 15th day of May, A. D. 1923.

(Seal)

MIKE HOLM,
Secretary of State.