

RESOLUTION No. 2.

Joint resolution relating to inter-state bridges across rivers forming boundary lines between Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota and North Dakota.

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota is engaged in constructing a system of highways connecting the principal cities and villages of this State with each other and connecting at the boundary lines of this State with the main highways of states adjoining Minnesota, and the states of Wisconsin, South Dakota and North Dakota are likewise engaged in constructing systems of highways in such states for similar purposes; and

WHEREAS, The St. Croix and Mississippi Rivers form a part of the boundary between Minnesota and Wisconsin, the Bois de Sioux and Minnesota Rivers form part of the boundary between the State of South Dakota and Minnesota and the Red River is likewise the boundary between the State of North Dakota and this State for a considerable distance and many of the main highways of this State are connected with the highway systems of the states of Wisconsin, South Dakota and North Dakota by inter-state bridges; and

WHEREAS, one of the great objects of the improvement of the highway systems of this and other states is to provide for safe and rapid communication, trade and travel between the several states, and federal government has extended aid to the several states in the construction of good roads therein for the purpose of promoting inter-state travel and commerce, and it is therefore essential to such inter-state travel and commerce between states that such inter-state bridges be constructed, maintained and kept in repair; and

WHEREAS, it appears to be necessary and proper that such inter-state bridges should be constructed and maintained in part at least by the several states whose highway systems are connected thereby; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that substantially similar legislation be enacted, if practicable, by the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota and North Dakota touching the construction and maintenance of such inter-state bridges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that a committee of five (5) members of this Legislature be appointed, three (3) by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two (2) by the President of the Senate, to consider and report such legislation as should be enacted touching the subject of inter-state bridges, and that the Legislatures of the states of Wisconsin, South Dakota and North Dakota be and they are hereby severally respectfully requested to appoint similar committees from each of said legislatures to confer

with such committee to consider and report to the legislatures of their respective states such legislation in relation to such inter-state bridges as may be deemed necessary and proper.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be forwarded to the legislatures of the states of Wisconsin, South Dakota and North Dakota respectively.

Approved February 2, 1923.

RESOLUTION No. 3.

Concurrent resolution memorializing the congress of the United States to so amend the act of congress known as the packers and stockyards act to exempt the State of Minnesota from the provisions of said act insofar as it relates to stockyards, commission merchants and traders.

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota for several years past, and have at present, laws regulating and supervising public stockyards located in said state and providing rules and regulations governing live stock commission merchants and traders operating in said yards;

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota in the past and at the present time maintains a public office with a Supervisor of Public Stockyards in charge, a staff of competent bonded weighers of live stock with an expert supervisor of scales in active duty;

WHEREAS, the laws providing for the aforesaid activities relating to public stock yards were enacted at the request of the shippers and producers of live stock in this state, and have in actual operation proved of great benefit not only to said producers but to the general public;

WHEREAS, the congress of the United States enacted a law entitled The Packers and Stockyards Act which, by express provision thereof took from said state all regulatory powers relating to public stock yards as defined by the laws of Minnesota, live stock commission merchants and traders operating at said public stock yards in said state;

WHEREAS, said live stock commission merchants and traders are required by said state of Minnesota to file a surety bond with said state insuring shippers of live stock to said markets from loss by failure of any live stock commission merchant to remit proceeds from the sale of live stock owned by said producers, less lawful charges, within twenty-four hours after sale thereof;

WHEREAS, the said act of Congress or the Secretary of Agriculture who is required to carry out the provisions of said Act does not require any bond whatsoever for the security of producers shipping stock on consignment to any live stock commission merchant in this state;