

WHEREAS, imposition of a tariff on Canadian lumber and shingles undoubtedly would result in multiplying this added cost through logger, manufacturer, jobber and retailer to the farmers and other consumers, who would thereby be forced to pay this unnecessary and unfair expense, and

WHEREAS, delegates to the annual meeting of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, recently assembled in St. Paul from every County in this state, voiced a vigorous and unanimous protest in opposition to this proposed tariff,

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 are hereby urged to oppose the placing of any duty upon Canadian lumber and shingles.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk of the House be and he is hereby directed to forward a copy of this memorial and resolution to each member of Congress from the State of Minnesota and to the Secretary of Agriculture at Washington.

Approved February 20, 1929.

RESOLUTION No. 10—S. F. No. 598

A concurrent resolution memorializing the President of the United States, the Secretary of War and the Congress of the United States to urge the establishment of a nine foot channel on the upper Mississippi river.

WHEREAS, Major C. L. Hall, District U. S. Engineer at Rock Island, has over-ridden the protests of the Mississippi Valley Shippers Association and of shippers generally throughout the Northwest, and has recommended to the Secretary of War in opposition to the establishment of a nine foot channel on the upper Mississippi river, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a shallower channel for barge traffic will not adequately care for the vast amount of shipping which awaits the improvement and development of river transportation, and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of War, or General Edgar Jadwin, Chief of Army Engineers, and as last resort the Congress of the United States, has the power and authority to reject Major Hall's report and establish a nine foot channel, and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate has approved a \$10,000,000 river equipment appropriation for the federal barge line system, with which \$4,000,000 worth of barge equipment on the upper Mississippi will be purchased this year, and which equipment must necessarily be adapted to the type of channel which the government will provide or will in the future be rendered obsolete because of changes in that channel, and

WHEREAS, a trade outlet to tidewater has been claimed and recognized as an economic right by all nations, and the inland empire of land-locked states in the Mississippi Valley, greater in area, in population, and in resources than a dozen European nations, is still deprived of access to the sea. Though restrained from independent action by the federal pact, these states have not lost or waived their economic rights; the duty to secure them has merely been transferred to the Federal Government and they must look to that agency for redress, and

WHEREAS, the operation of the Panama Canal, coupled with increased rail rates, has moved the Midwest economically farther from the seaboard and has not only placed a handicap on its outbound products but has added to the costs of inbound supplies. The Midwest has, therefore, a special right to demand that its balanced trade relations destroyed by governmental action be speedily restored, and that the benefits of the Panama Canal be extended to all those who were assessed for its cost. The duty to correct these distorted conditions rests with the Government responsible for their creation, and

WHEREAS, agriculture is the basic industry of the Midwest, and transportation burdens bear most heavily on that industry because the farmer has no control over his selling prices, he cannot add the freight to his costs and pass it to the consumer; he stands at the end of the line and pays the freight both ways,

Now, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House concurring, that the State of Minnesota does hereby urge the President of the United States, the Secretary of War and the Congress of the United States to provide a nine foot channel adequate to care for commercial river navigation on the upper Mississippi.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the State of Minnesota be instructed to send a copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of War and to each member of Congress of Minnesota and to those elected whose term begins after the close of the present short session.

Approved February 27, 1929.