

WHEREAS, we believe that the St. Lawrence project is a vital necessity for the development and stimulation of the resources of this state and of the entire Northwest, and has already been too long delayed, and that great economic advantages will result not only to Minnesota, but to the Nation from the improvement of this natural avenue of commerce;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, commend and support the President of the United States in his steadfast, consistent and energetic support of this project, and urge the Congress of the United States, without delay, to approve and ratify the agreement already concluded with the Dominion of Canada; to provide the necessary funds for the work, and thus promote the speedy completion of this great project as a vital, economic and defense necessity.

That the Secretary of State be instructed to send copies of this Resolution to the President, the Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress of the State of Minnesota.

Approved March 28, 1941.

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#### RESOLUTION No. 3—H. F. No. 4

*Memorializing congress to stabilize prices on farm products.*

WHEREAS, wide spread dissatisfaction exists among the producers of farm commodities in Minnesota and neighboring states relative to the losses incurred in ordinary farm operations; and

WHEREAS, the American farmer is forced to sell the major portion of what he produces on a world market and purchase all of his necessities on a highly protected stabilized domestic market; and

WHEREAS, the spread between the value of the commodities the farmer sells and those he buys places him at a serious disadvantage in the market places; and

WHEREAS, this price disparity has existed for over five years and promises to continue indefinitely and create disaster among agriculturists; and

WHEREAS, the prices of agricultural commodities are not on a parity with prices of other products and especially with the prices of those commodities which the farmer must buy; and

WHEREAS, the financial returns from the farming industry have been such that the people engaged in that industry are practically bankrupt, demanding immediate drastic action; and

WHEREAS, the farmers are the largest buyers of commercial products in the nation and a return of their purchasing power is essential before we can have any general and lasting return of prosperity; and

WHEREAS, in view of the price-fixing opportunities given by national legislation to industry, and in view of the curtailment of farm production; and

WHEREAS, to encourage, create, develop and maintain a stable, prosperous and permanent system of agriculture in the United States, it becomes necessary that agriculture should enjoy the same protection in price stabilization, which is enjoyed by industry; and

WHEREAS, our present economic system does not operate to protect the farmer when there is an exportable surplus of agricultural products, thereby resulting in the world price being paid on not only the exportable surplus of such agricultural products but on that consumed domestically as well; and

WHEREAS, the existence of an exportable surplus of a vitally important food crop is a national necessity and from the consumer's standpoint nothing could be more dangerous than to create a deficiency in our stable food commodities through curtailment of production; and

WHEREAS, to remove the disparity in prices and to guarantee equality to agriculture with industry and labor, it is wholly essential and absolutely necessary that the American farmer should receive a price for commodities which he produces which will assure him cost of production and in addition thereto an amount sufficient to pay taxes, interest, debts, and living expenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, the Senate concurring, that Congress of the United States, at its present sitting, be and the same is urgently petitioned and requested to enact such legislation as will meet our agricultural crisis;

that will insure cost of production plus an amount sufficient to pay taxes, interest, debt service and living expenses; that will place agriculture on a parity with those engaged in industry; that will retain the American market for the American farmer; and that will fix an adequate minimum price on farmer's products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be presented to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, and to each of the Senators and Representatives from the State of Minnesota in the Congress of the United States.

Approved April 4, 1941.

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RESOLUTION No. 4—H. F. No. 1410

*A concurrent resolution calling attention to the supply available in Minnesota of manganese iron ore.*

WHEREAS, Minnesota possesses the only large source of manganese iron ore which is so vitally needed in the development of the national defense in the present hour of prophesied national danger of invasion, and

WHEREAS, other states of the union are far ahead of Minnesota in the expansion of their industries and defense facilities, and

WHEREAS, the federal government is spending billions of dollars in the way of loans, grants and other assistance necessary to the up-building and expansion of war time industries, all located away from our state and placing our state at a disadvantage in the national defense program, and

WHEREAS, money is now being expended in Brazil to secure manganese so vitally needed in our national defense, thereby making necessary the transportation of such manganese over hazardous ocean routes, and

WHEREAS, the development of a manganese plant in Minnesota would release these badly needed merchant ships for other necessary purposes, and