

WHEREAS, it has been conclusively proven that manganese can be produced in Minnesota at a cost comparing favorably with other sources of managanese, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED by the house of representatives of the state of Minnesota, the senate concurring, that this situation be called to the attention of the various government officials who are engaged in the work of advancing the national defense program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of state be instructed to forward copies of this resolution to each of the senators and representatives from the state of Minnesota to the congress of the United States; to Honorable Donald M. Nelson at the division office of production management in the munitions building at Washington, D. C.; to Judge Patterson under-secretary of war at the army building in Washington, D. C.; to under-secretary of the navy, Forrestal, at the navy building in Washington, D. C. and to Mr. Miller of the Minnesota resource commission.

Approved April 21, 1941.

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RESOLUTION No. 5—H. F. No. 1620

*A joint resolution whereby the Legislature of the State of Minnesota in regular session assembled memorialize the president of the United States, the secretary of agriculture of the United States, the United States price administrator and the Congress of the United States.*

WHEREAS, the present federal administration has repeatedly advocated the parity price principle for agriculture, but the prices announced by the federal price administrator in his recent announcement of basic prices for agricultural products, definitely commits the federal administration to a principle of disparity between prices for agricultural products and other commodities required by agriculture, which disparity will continue to widen as prices follow the upward trend due to increased costs occasioned by the present emergency, and

WHEREAS, the basic prices paid for agricultural products directly affect the people of the state of Minnesota, particularly the agricultural communities thereof:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the legislature of the state of Minnesota in regular session assembled that we memorialize the President of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, the United States Price Administrator and the Congress of the United States our opposition to this disparity of prices of agricultural products and respectfully request that the present federal administration adhere to the established policy of parity prices for agriculture perfected by the Congress, and heretofore affirmed by the administration, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State of the state of Minnesota be and he is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, the United States Price Administrator and the Congress of the United States.

Approved April 28, 1941.

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RESOLUTION No. 6—H. F. No. 1599

*A concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to pass legislation providing for the payment of a proportionate share of state and local taxes on lands acquired by the United States government within the State of Minnesota.*

WHEREAS, the United States government has recently acquired large areas of land within the state of Minnesota in various parts of the state, more particularly in the northern and western portions of the state, by reason of which said lands have now become tax exempt and have been taken from the tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, said areas of land acquired by the United States government, with other lands adjacent thereto, bore their share of the burden of local and state government in said area, including certain fixed charges and bonded indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of said areas by the United States government and the resultant tax exemption has cast all of the burden of taxation, including fixed charges and bonded indebtedness, in said areas on the remaining owners of land in said areas; and