

RESOLUTION No. 1—H. F. No. 233

A joint resolution memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to grant and to extend deferment to farm laborers under the selective service act.

WHEREAS, Minnesota farmers, desiring to render the fullest measure of patriotic service to the nation, have worked unselfishly for long hours, bearing unprecedented hardships, to meet the increased demands for food that have been placed on them by the war, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the thousands of men they have furnished to the armed forces, our farmers have seen great numbers of farm laborers upon whom they normally depend drawn into the defense plants by the high wages offered there, and

WHEREAS, the growing shortage of farm labor is making it increasingly difficult for farmers to meet the food quotas prescribed by the War Food Administrator, and

WHEREAS, successful prosecution of the war to final victory will require not merely continued reliance on bigger than normal food supplies but in all probability even greater quantities of food, and

WHEREAS, Congress, appreciating the gravity of the problem facing our farmers and the importance of keeping up our vital food production, has declared in adopting the Tydings Amendment: "Every registrant found by a selective service board . . . to be necessary to and properly engaged in an agricultural occupation or endeavor essential to the war effort shall be deferred from training and service in the land and naval forces as long as he remains so engaged and until such time as a satisfactory replacement can be obtained," and the national director of selective service in a statement on January 23rd has reaffirmed his adherence to this policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, in regular session assembled, that we ask the President, Congress and our federal officials to follow and uphold the spirit of the Tydings Amendment in dealing with matters affecting farm labor and that we memorialize the President and Congress to take all further steps and to prescribe all further regulations that may be necessary to insure to agriculture an adequate farm labor supply.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the State of Minnesota is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the presid-

ing officers of the Senate and House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States and to each of the members in the Congress of the United States from the State of Minnesota.

Approved February 9, 1945.

RESOLUTION No. 2—H. F. No. 321

A concurrent resolution memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States, the Office of Price Administration and the War Food Administration to take certain steps relative to production of and placing price ceiling control on all dairy products.

WHEREAS, farm production in America is controlled by federal price policies, and

WHEREAS, these policies have discouraged the production of butter so seriously that in Minnesota, the nation's No. 1 butter state, annual production of butter has shrunk from 326 million pounds in 1941 to 250 million pounds in 1944, and

WHEREAS, this crop loss of 76 million pounds to the State of Minnesota exceeds the annual total butter production of every state except Iowa, Wisconsin and Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, this crop loss of butter continues in spite of increased milk production on the dairy farms of Minnesota and the nation, and

WHEREAS, discouraging butter production has brought on such a critical shortage that this basic American food is being forced off the tables of the nation, threatening the State of Minnesota with the loss of one of its most important farm product markets, and

WHEREAS, butter is the product which must absorb surpluses of milk in the post-war era and any loss of markets through inability to supply consumers during the war period will adversely affect the entire dairy industry of Minnesota and of the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring, that the federal government should encourage increased production of butter. That to effect such increased production