

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota is sustaining serious losses in tax revenue which, on the basis of truck lines actually taken, will approach \$70,000 annually and which, in the event further lines are seized, will be very substantially multiplied, and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of all such taxes are devoted to the maintenance, improvement and construction of the public highway system of this state including the thoroughfares which provide the necessary right of way for all motor transports;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Federal Government immediately take such steps as may be necessary to cause payment to be made to the State of Minnesota of all gasoline and motor vehicle registration taxes now due and to become due through the operation of all truck lines under the supervision of the Director of the Office of Defense Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State of Minnesota is hereby instructed to transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, to presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress, to the Director of War Mobilization and to the Director of the Office of Defense Transportation.

Approved April 23, 1945.

RESOLUTION No. 17—S. F. No. 1321

A concurrent resolution commending the Congress of the United States for its affirmance of the principles of the freedom of speech and press and urging adoption of an international compact to assure freedom of speech and press.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States by unanimous action has adopted Senate Resolution No. 53, September 21, 1944, which reads as follows:

“That the Congress of the United States expresses its belief in the world-wide right of interchange of news by news gathering and distributing agencies, individual or associate, by any means, without discrimination as to sources, distribution, rates or charges; and that this right should be perfected by international compact;” and,

WHEREAS, members of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota fully subscribe to the principles enunciated by said resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate, the State House of Representatives concurring therein, that the legislature of Minnesota hereby extends its commendation to the Congress of the United States for its affirmance of the principle of the freedom of speech and press as guaranteed in this country by the constitution of the United States of America, advocates the adoption of the same principles upon a world-wide basis, in freedom and equality of access to the truth and the facts, and urges upon the delegates of this country to the peace conference the adoption of an international compact in accordance with the mandate from the Congress of the United States; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of State of the United States, to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the United States Senate and to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives of the United States."

Approved April 23, 1945.

RESOLUTION No. 18—H. F. No. 12

WHEREAS, there exists a great difference of opinion as to the effect of the establishment of rates and regulations by the Railroad and Warehouse Commission for trucks doing occasional and short hauling for hire, and

WHEREAS, there is prevalent a feeling that long haul rates are unreasonable with respect to transportation of farm products, and

WHEREAS, there is no clear cut policy established by the Railroad and Warehouse Commission of how truck transportation rates should be set and what effect such state regulations and rates would have upon farmers and small truckers, and

WHEREAS, there is substantial controversy as to which types of truck transportation and hauling should be regulated and which should not,