

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.

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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

of butter, immediate steps should be taken in placing price ceiling control on all dairy products; and that price ceilings on butter be fixed so as to encourage the production of butter and thus contribute toward safeguarding the post-war farm markets of the State of Minnesota and the Nation.

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 presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States and to the Office of Price Administration and the War Food Administration.

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RESOLUTION No. 3—S. F. No. 127

*A concurrent resolution memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to investigate and alleviate the excessive prices upon, and shortage of, farm machinery.*

WHEREAS, the government has heretofore limited the production and sale of farm machinery so that the maximum amount of iron and steel might be available for the manufacturer of munitions; and

WHEREAS, available stocks of new farm machinery have been materially depleted and machinery in the hands of farmers is fast wearing out and a considerable portion thereof is beyond repair; and

WHEREAS, the shortage of farm labor makes it imperative that the most modern labor-saving machinery be made available to our farmers if the agricultural effort for war production is to be maintained; and

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that the labor cost in farm machinery is but a small proportion of its sale price to the farmer; and

WHEREAS, the sale prices of farm machinery to the farmer are unduly high and there is grave danger that in the post-war period the returning service man who decides to commence farming will not be able to purchase sufficient machinery at available prices with moneys made available to him by our government, and should the price of farm com-