

WHEREAS, practically all of the civilized nations of the world participate in the Olympic Games, and

WHEREAS, it is possible and desirable to hold these games within the State of Minnesota in the year 1952, and

WHEREAS, the holding of the Games in Minnesota would contribute materially to the good will among all of the nations of the world and greatly benefit our state and nation,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring, that we do hereby express our approval of the invitation tendered by the Olympic Invitation Committee of Minneapolis to the International Olympic Committee to hold the Olympic Games in the summer of 1952, known as the 14th Olympiad, in the City of Minneapolis and that we further state that the government of the State of Minnesota and all its component parts will in all ways facilitate and support the holding of said games in the City of Minneapolis in the year 1952.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the International Olympic Committee, the President of the American Olympic Committee, and the Chairman of the Olympic Invitation Committee of the City of Minneapolis.

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RESOLUTION No. 10—S. F. No. 362

*A concurrent resolution memorializing the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States, and the Federal Security Administrator to enact legislation and regulations amending Chapter 531, Title X concerning aid to the blind.*

WHEREAS, Chapter 531, Title X, Sections 1001 et seq. embraces federal legislation concerning exclusively aid to the blind and does not confuse aid to the blind with other forms of public assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the present national average to the needy blind is \$33.72 per individual per month which is insufficient during normal times and is completely inadequate in the present inflationary period; and,

WHEREAS, certain states although requiring additional federal aid to increase the state average in blind grants are

unable to supply the required state funds in proportion to federal funds due to lack of state resources or an impoverished state economy; and,

WHEREAS, to correct further this situation and remove the blind from the class of the destitute it is necessary to increase the national average per individual blind person and allow earnings and income to the blind receiving aid, exclusive of any blind assistance, to permit a decent standard of living and development of initiative; and,

WHEREAS, the regulations of the federal security administrator are unduly restrictive on states in limiting states in interpreting need and eligibility for aid; and, further, requiring close supervision by state personnel of the individual blind recipient in the disbursement of his assistance with a consequent burden on the taxpayer to maintain salaries for such state personnel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring herein, as follows:

(1) That Chapter 531, Title X dealing exclusively with aid to the blind be retained as a separate title concerning itself exclusively with aid to the blind;

(2) That legislation be enacted to authorize and direct an increase in the present national average per needy blind person to \$75.00 per month by removing the present limit of the federal government's contribution to the states and permitting an increase in the amount of federal funds available to the states;

(3) That the present federal requirement on the states that they must consider any income or resources available to a needy blind applicant be abolished. To encourage initiative, raise morale, and remove the blind, needy because of a physical handicap, from their present pauper position it is necessary that at least a minimum amount of earnings be allowed in addition to any blind aid;

(4) That the federal government require the states to exempt the relatives legally required under state poor laws from the duty to support a needy blind person. This requirement is a vestige of the poor laws and fails to recognize blindness as a handicap that may be partially overcome by a reasonable opportunity for self-support. It further places a heavy financial burden on the family that may result in strife and discord;

(5) That the federal government enact legislation compelling states to abolish the requirement that the blind must transfer their property to the state as a prerequisite for receiving aid;

(6) That the federal government establish a definite and certain grant system to replace the present system based on budgetary need, and that the present budget system be abolished with its present close supervision of all the details of a recipient's life;

(7) That the federal government allow the states freedom to adopt their own interpretation of need and eligibility for aid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and to each Senator and Representative in the Congress of the United States together with the Federal Security Administrator.

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RESOLUTION No. 11—S. F. No. 1379

*A concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to continue the wool purchase program.*

WHEREAS, the wool purchase program conducted pursuant to Act of Congress expires on April 15, 1947, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of said program is to prevent the collapse of the sheep and wool industry of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has now about 736,000 head of stock sheep and lambs on its farms and holds rank as the fifteenth state in sheep population, and

WHEREAS, the number of stock sheep in the State of Minnesota has declined from 972,000 head in 1940 to 736,000 head now, and in the United States has declined from 40,129,261 head in 1940 to 32,542,000 head now, and

WHEREAS, the continued decline in the sheep and wool industry will be an economic catastrophe, and

WHEREAS, if said program is discontinued on April 15, 1947, the price of wool will suffer a rapid decline to the detriment of the State of Minnesota and of the United States,