

WHEREAS, existing legislation enacted by the Congress intended to subsidize fur farming has failed in its purpose in that the requirements for loans to fur farmers by the federal government are such that almost all of those engaged in the fur farming business within the United States have been unable to meet the requirements to secure a loan; and,

WHEREAS, fur farmers throughout the nation have investments of millions of dollars in animals and equipment and Minnesota is particularly affected in that it is the second largest fur producing state in the union;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, the Senate concurring herein, as follows: (1) that the President of the United States is hereby memorialized to vacate his executive order abolishing import quotas on foreign furs; (2) that the Congress of the United States is hereby memorialized to repeal Section 1650 of the Internal Revenue Code relating to excise taxes on furs; and (3) that Congress amend House Roll No. 1211 now pending to provide import quotas on furs to protect the domestic producer, and that the foregoing action be taken by the President and Congress of the United States during the present session of Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, be directed to forward a duly authenticated copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, and to each of the Senators and Representatives from the State of Minnesota in the Congress of the United States.

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RESOLUTION No. 11—S. F. No. 286

*A concurrent resolution memorializing the President of the United States and Congress to immediately provide for the continued operation of the Pipestone Indian School at Pipestone, Minnesota, and the reopening of the hospital at said school.*

WHEREAS, the number of persons of Indian blood has been increasing in the State of Minnesota at a relatively rapid rate; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota, and many of its counties, has for the past several years found it necessary to assume all or the greater portion of the cost of maintaining needy persons of Indian blood; and,

WHEREAS, the financial burden to the State of Minnesota and its counties is becoming increasingly serious; and,

WHEREAS, it has been found exceedingly difficult to find a sufficient number of foster homes to care for dependent and neglected children of Indian blood, most of whom come from broken homes and many of whom are, in fact, orphans; and,

WHEREAS, the Pipestone Indian School, operated at Pipestone, Minnesota, by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the United States Department of Interior, does perform a real and needed service in providing care for dependent and neglected children of Indian blood who otherwise would become the financial responsibility of the counties and State of Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, by continuing to operate the Pipestone Indian School the Federal Government is providing an indispensable social service and, to a certain degree, assuming the financial responsibility towards said children of Indian blood that is rightfully and justly a Federal Government problem; and,

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has indicated that it plans to close the Pipestone Indian School on July 1, 1949, and has in fact already closed the hospital previously operated in conjunction with said school;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring herein, that it is absolutely essential that immediate recognition be given this problem by the President and the Congress of the United States to the end that the United States Department of Interior through the Bureau of Indian Affairs not only continue to operate the Pipestone Indian School to its full capacity but also expand the same as need thereof becomes apparent, and that the hospital in conjunction with said school be reopened at once to serve and care for all needy persons of Indian blood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be 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 of the Congress of the United States and each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress from the State of Minnesota.

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RESOLUTION No. 12—H. F. No. 1038

*A concurrent resolution memorializing the President of the United States and Congress to enact legislation to provide payment of funds to Mahnomen County, Minnesota, by reason of federal ownership of certain lands with said county resulting in removal thereof from tax lists.*

WHEREAS in 1940, the United States of America purchased in trust for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe of Minnesota, the so-called Schermerhorn Ranch consisting of 8,166.07 acres, situated in the Towns of Clover, Beaulieu and La Gard in Mahnomen County, Minnesota, a highly developed farm unit, and that as a result of such acquisition said lands were taken off the tax rolls and became non-taxable with an estimated real estate tax loss to the County of \$23,952.50 for the years 1940 to 1947, inclusive; that in addition thereto large sums were lost annually on account of personal property taxes paid during private ownership but wholly discontinued during Federal ownership; and,

WHEREAS, said lands were acquired for use to provide encouragement and instructions to Indians in agriculture and also to provide employment for Indians; and,

WHEREAS, such use was discontinued in 1947 and said lands rented to individuals to be operated as any other farm; and,

WHEREAS, it appears to be the desire of the Council and officers of said Tribe that said farm be sold and returned to private ownership; and,

WHEREAS, the United States of America now owns a total of 37,064.59 acres in the County of Mahnomen, Minnesota, either acquired by purchase between the years 1935 to 1940