

RESOLUTION No. 7—H. F. No. 40

A resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to end the causes of unemployment in the iron ore industry in the State of Minnesota.

WHEREAS, imports of iron ore produced in areas outside the United States are supplanting in United States markets ore produced in mines located in the United States, resulting in the unemployment of American iron miners;

WHEREAS, sale by integrated steel companies of iron ore mined by them in foreign countries, and not needed for their steel production, supplants ore produced by American independent, non-integrated ore producers, endangering the survival in business of such independent producers, and further resulting in unemployment of American iron miners;

WHEREAS, agencies of the federal government have been giving financial assistance to development of iron ore mining in areas outside the United States, further resulting in unemployment of American iron miners;

WHEREAS, shipping rates add to the cost of marketing Minnesota iron ore, which may affect unemployment of American iron miners;

WHEREAS, the widespread unemployment of American iron miners, and the hardship such unemployment raises, requires immediate federal action; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED By the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the Congress of the United States is requested to take all necessary steps to stop the further unemployment of American iron miners, including:

1. Restricting importation of foreign ores, in a manner similar to restrictions now imposed on foreign petroleum, to a level which would supplement but not supplant domestic production in United States markets;
2. Preventing integrated steel companies from selling their excess incremental iron ore mined in foreign countries;
3. Ending financial assistance by agencies of the federal government for development of iron mining in foreign countries;
4. Determining the effect of transportation rates on the sale of Minnesota iron ore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State be instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each member of Congress from this state.

Approved May 16, 1963.
