

JOINT MEMORIALS.

CHAPTER 187.

INSPECTION OF GRAIN.

MEMORIAL AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Relating to Inspection of Grain by the Government of the United States.

Be it Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives Concurring:

To the Honorable, the Congress of the United States of America:

Whereas, The right of the people in every state to be heard in the matter of the inspection of grain cannot be denied, and

Whereas, Neither the agricultural interests, the transportation interests, or the large elevator interests should be subjected to the interference, influence or interruption of state politics or local ambitions of cities, and

Whereas, The existence of a number of conflicting systems of inspection of grain does not result to the advantage of either the producers or handlers of grain, but on the contrary promotes the manipulation of it in large quantities in ways which cannot fail to injure and discredit the grain trade and all interested therein, and

Whereas, We believe a uniform inspection of grain throughout the United States by the government would greatly simplify, facilitate and cheapen the process of transferring grain from the producer to the consumer, as well as its use as collateral, and

Whereas, We believe that grain going to the markets of the old world with certificates issued by government of the United States would be placed on those markets under the most favorable conditions,

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the congress of the United States be earnestly and urgently requested to enact the necessary law to provide federal inspection of grain, under the secretary of agriculture, by the districts, for Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, North Atlantic, South Atlantic, Gulf, North Pacific, South Pacific, and such others as are necessary, all under civil service rules.

Resolved, That the secretary of state is hereby instructed to forthwith transmit this memorial to congress and to send copies hereof to the secretary of agriculture, secretary of the interior, to Senators H. C. Hansbrough and P. J. McCumber and Congressman B. F. Spalding.

CHAPTER 188.

SUBSIDES TO STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

A JOINT MEMORIAL of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, Praying for an Act to Encourage the Shipment of Grain to China and Japan by Granting Subsidies to Steamship Companies.

Be it Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives Concurring:

That a copy of the following memorial, signed by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives, and attested by the secretary of the senate and by the chief clerk of the house of representatives, be sent Honorable Henry C. Hansbrough and William N. Roach of the United States senate, and Martin N. Johnson of the house of representatives, at Washington, D. C.

That said Honorable Henry C. Hansbrough and William N. Roach, representing the State of North Dakota in the senate of the United States, and Honorable Martin N. Johnson, representing the State of North Dakota in the house of representatives, be and they are hereby respectfully requested to support in their respective houses and urge the passage of an act of congress "To promote the commerce and increase foreign trade of the United States and to provide auxiliary cruisers, transports, and seamen for government use when necessary."

Whereas, The raising of wheat in North Dakota is the principal industry of the state; the past year this crop represented approximately ten per cent of the total crop grown in the United States, and its aggregate value was about \$30,000,000, and,

Whereas, Under existing conditions there is but one market, Liverpool, for the surplus wheat raised in this country, and the price fixed by this foreign market practically establishes the price for the entire wheat crop of the United States, and

Whereas, To encourage the opening up of new markets for our surplus grain, thereby enabling our farmers to secure better prices for the same, is manifestly within the scope of the powers granted to our representatives in congress,

Therefore, The people of the state of North Dakota, in legislative convention assembled, respectively petition congress to grant such subsidies for the building up of a merchant marine as will among other things, secure for our people new markets for their grain in China, Japan and other Oriental countries.

Provided, however, It is to be understood that all members of the house of representatives know that Henry C. Hansbrough has, since the term of his office, persistently and at all times tried to get legislation through the senate of the United States in conformity

with the requests of this resolution, and further, that the senate of the United States, in the passage of the Hanna bill, two weeks ago, adopted, so far as they are concerned, all the request made in the concurrent resolution; and, further, that the bill is now before congress in the house of representatives.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

CHAPTER 189.

TWINE AND CORDAGE PLANT.

JOINT RESOLUTION of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Sixth Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota, Authorizing and Instructing the Governor, Auditor and Treasurer of the State of North Dakota to Issue and Dispose of Certificates of Indebtedness to Cover the Cost of Establishing and Operating a Twine and Cordage Plant at the State Penitentiary.

Be it Resolved by the Senate of the Sixth Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota, the House of Representatives Concurring:

That the governor, auditor and treasurer of the State of North Dakota, are hereby authorized and instructed to issue and dispose of certificates of indebtedness, in denominations such as may seem to them advisable, to provide funds in an amount not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), and at such discount as will allow a reasonable rate of interest, the proceeds thereof to be placed in the hands of the state treasurer, the same, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be used, is hereby appropriated for the purpose and to cover the expense of establishing and operating a "Twine and Cordage Plant" at the state penitentiary, and is to be paid out by said state treasurer in the manner which is now or may hereafter be prescribed by law; such indebtedness to become due and payable, one-half on or before November 1st, 1902, and the remaining half on or before November 1st, 1904.

EMERGENCY.] An emergency exists in that there is a lack of employment for the inmates of the penitentiary, and the above provision is urgently needed to provide therefor.

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