

AND WHEREAS, To accommodate the deeper draft vessels that will pass into Lake Superior on the opening of the new Sault Canal, which will occur during the coming season of navigation, it will be necessary to dredge deeper the whole harbor of Duluth.

AND WHEREAS, The rapidly increasing commerce of Duluth has created a present urgent necessity for more room for the safe anchorage of fleets of vessels liable to be driven in by storms and for the convenient handling of freight, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be and are hereby requested, if possible to secure at the present session of Congress an appropriation for the harbor of Duluth of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), and an appropriation of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the harbor of Grand Marais.

That a copy of this joint resolution be forwarded to our Representatives and Senators in Congress forthwith.

Approved February 12, 1881.

NUMBER 8.

A MEMORIAL TO THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota would most respectfully urge the passage of the bill introduced by Mr. Keefer in the House of Representatives, granting pensions to certain Union soldiers and sailors of the late war of the Rebellion who were confined in the so-called Confederate Prisons.

Approved March 3, 1881.

NUMBER 9.

A JOINT RESOLUTION FOR THE RELIEF OF PERSONS WHO HAVE FILED UPON HOMESTEADS ON THE WESTERN PRAIRIES.

WHEREAS, Many citizens of the United States, during the months of September and October, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty (1880), made homestead filings upon lands on our western prairies, under the acts of Congress granting homesteads to actual settlers; and

WHEREAS, Under the homestead law, as now existing, persons so making homestead filings are required to make actual settlement thereon within six months from the date of filing thereon; and

WHEREAS, By reason of the early winter, the severity of the climate and the scarcity of fuel on our western frontier, it will be impossible, in many cases, for those who made their filings during the said months of September and October, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty (1880), to reach their homesteads or construct houses thereon sufficient to protect them and their families from the rigors of a cold climate, within six months from the date of their said filing. Therefore, by reason of the premises aforesaid, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are hereby requested to use their influence to secure the passage of an act extending the time for actual settlement until the fifteenth (15th) day of May, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (1881), in all cases where homestead filings have been made between the first (1st) day of September and the first (1st) day of November, in the year A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty (1880), both days inclusive.

That the Secretary of State be requested to forward immediately to each of our said Senators and Representatives a certified copy of the foregoing resolution.

Approved February 12, A. D. 1881.

NUMBER 10.

JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE STATE TREASURER TO DESTROY CERTAIN MINNESOTA STATE RAILROAD BONDS OWNED BY THE STATE.

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION. 1. That the State Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to cancel and destroy certain Minnesota State Railroad Bonds, owned by the State and now in his possession, being bonds numbered one thousand six hundred and fifteen (1615), one thousand six hundred and sixteen (1616), one thousand six hundred and seventeen (1617), one thousand six hundred and eighteen (1618), one thousand six hundred and nineteen (1619), one thousand six hundred and twenty-one (1621), one thousand six hundred and forty-three (1643), one thousand six hundred and forty-four (1644), one thousand six hundred and forty-five (1645), one thousand six hundred and forty-six (1646), one thousand