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WITH THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

RESOLUTION No. 1—S. F. No. 223

A concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation providing for the repeal of the Federal excise tax upon the transportation of passengers.

WHEREAS the Federal excise tax upon the transportation of passengers was adopted as a wartime tax to discourage the movement of civilian passengers during World War II; and

WHEREAS today, thirteen years after the cessation of hostilities, there continues a ten per cent levy on the transportation of passengers (Title VI, sec. 609 (a) U.S. Code), which tax while collected by the common carriers of transportation by rail, by highway, by water and in the air, is imposed upon and collected from the users of such transportation; and

WHEREAS millions of dollars in revenues are paid to the State of Minnesota by those common carriers; and

WHEREAS the ten per cent tax on transportation of passengers discourages the use of public transportation systems and tends to decrease the revenue of the state and local government by reason of the lesser earnings or volume of business of said public system of transportation; and

WHEREAS there exists ample facilities for the public transportation of persons throughout the State of Minnesota

and the nation and the purpose for which said tax was imposed has long since ceased to exist; and

WHEREAS the decrease in revenue by reason of the small amount received for said excise tax on the transportation of passengers will largely be made up by the increased income taxes paid by the passengers of common carriers and other excise taxes paid on the facilities and equipment used by said common carriers:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we respectfully urge and request the Congress of the United States to enact appropriate legislation to repeal the Federal excise taxes upon the transportation of persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, and to each member of the Minnesota delegation in the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives

Approved February 19, 1959.

RESOLUTION No. 2—H. F. No. 826

A resolution memorializing the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to take such steps as may be necessary to insure that private aircraft flying into or out of Canada be subject to the same inspection fee regulations of the United States Customs and Immigration Services as automobiles.

WHEREAS, private aircraft in increasingly large numbers are crossing Minnesota's northern border to and from Canada for business and recreational purposes; and,

WHEREAS, private aircraft crossing the border on Sundays or legal holidays are required by the United States Customs Service and United States Immigration Service to pay special overtime rates for crossing inspections, regardless of whether or not the port of entry is open; and,

WHEREAS, private automobiles are not required to pay special overtime rates so long as the port is open.