

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, that the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States, do all in their power to remove the special charges affecting private aircraft which cross the border, and provide a uniform system treating aircraft and automobiles on an equal basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State be instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and to each member of Congress from the State of Minnesota.

Approved March 13, 1959.

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RESOLUTION No. 3—H. F. No. 520

*A resolution memorializing the President, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Congress of the United States to oppose measures altering the tax status of cooperatives.*

WHEREAS, business enterprises are made up of several types of business organizations, including proprietorships, partnerships, corporations, and cooperatives all of which have contributed greatly to the tempo of economic activity within the state; and

WHEREAS, the largest number of cooperatives is in the State of Minnesota and the people of this state, particularly within the rural areas, have been greatly benefited thereby and have received many services through the various cooperative organizations; and

WHEREAS, the tax position of cooperatives has been thoroughly investigated by the Congress of the United States over a long period of time and these investigations have revealed that under the present laws, the cooperatives have faithfully abided by the principles and regulations under which they have been organized; and

WHEREAS, cooperatives do pay taxes and in many communities of this state are the largest tax payers; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Treasury has recommended to Congress to require cooperative patronage savings to be paid in cash within three years and to draw not less than 4% interest, or otherwise to be classified as income to the

cooperative and be thereby subjected to corporation income taxes; and

WHEREAS, this alteration of the present tax status would seriously hamper and restrict the services which the cooperatives are performing within the state; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature did once before, in 1951, consider and pass a resolution opposing similar unfair and punitive tax proposals against cooperatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, that the Congress of the United States be requested to recognize that indebtedness which is owed by a cooperative or any other taxpayer to its patrons or customers is not income to such taxpayer even though it may be income to its patrons or customers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United States be specifically requested to oppose any measures which would prescribe any minimum interest rate or any maximum maturity dates for securities which are issued by cooperatives in payment of patronage savings payable to their patrons; and

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

Approved March 23, 1959.

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#### RESOLUTION No. 4—H. F. No. 269

*A resolution memorializing the federal power commission to permit furnishing of natural gas to northeastern Minnesota.*

WHEREAS, it is now more than twenty years since the first application was made to the federal power commission for a certificate of necessity to install a pipe line and furnish natural gas to the Iron Range of northeastern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, this fuel is vitally necessary for use in processing the lower grade iron ores so abundant in northeastern Minnesota; and