

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, that the Congress of the United States enact H.R. 3610, an amendment to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the State of Minnesota be instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to 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.

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RESOLUTION No. 6—H. F. No. 919

*A resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation dedicating 100 percent of road user excise taxes to highway use.*

WHEREAS, the United States government in cooperation with the states has embarked on a program for construction of a network of 41,000 miles of modern interstate and defense highways to be built by the year 1975, in addition to the construction and improvement of the state's regular federal aid primary and secondary highways with their necessary urban connections, all of which are necessary to the economic welfare of our country; and

WHEREAS, federal aid funds for these highways are derived from taxation on highway users, but these taxes are only dedicated in part to the Highway Trust Fund, the fund from which federal aid is disbursed, which will result in a deficiency in the trust fund of over a billion dollars per year; and

WHEREAS, there is danger that an effort will be made to take care of the deficiency in the trust fund by imposing an additional 1½ cent federal gas tax; and

WHEREAS, the road users of the country assumed that the Highway Revenue Act of 1956, provided that all road user excise taxes be dedicated to highway purposes, but in section 209 of this act, subsection (c), the only portion of these taxes appropriated to the trust fund were the tax on motor fuel, tires, the special tax on heavy trucks, and one-half the tax on trucks and buses; and if the tax on automobiles, parts, and the other one-half of the tax on trucks and buses, which are truly road user taxes, were also dedicated to the Highway Trust Fund,

the trust fund would be solvent and would enable the construction of the interstate system as contemplated as well as to carry on the regular federal aid program ; and

WHEREAS, these interstate and defense highways were declared to be of primary importance for national defense but no defense funds have been appropriated for their construction, but on the contrary highway user funds are being appropriated for other governmental purposes, including national defense ;

NOW THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the Congress of the United States be memorialized to amend the Highway Revenue Act of 1956, Public Law 627, Section 209 (c) to provide that 100 percent of all road user excise taxes now imposed be dedicated to the trust fund, to provide solvency to that fund and to ensure continuity of the road program ;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that Congress be memorialized to impose no additional taxes on the motoring public until all such taxes are used for highway purposes ;

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 each member of Congress from the State of Minnesota.

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#### RESOLUTION No. 7—S. F. No. 1219

*Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to amend the Military Pay Act of 1958 to equalize the retirement pay of members of the armed forces of the United States.*

WHEREAS, there is now pending before the 86th Congress of the United States legislation, including S. 269, S. 541, and H. R. 703, to equalize the pay of retired members of the uniformed services who receive their retired pay under the provisions of the Career Compensation Act of 1949 ; and

WHEREAS, The Military Pay Act of 1958, Public Law 85-422, failed to provide for the computation of the retired pay of such members of the uniformed services, retired prior to June 1, 1958, on the basis of the newly established pay rates provided in said law, at the same time providing that the re-