

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.

Approved March 25, 1959.

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-

tired pay of those retired after that date be computed at the newly established higher rates; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be no basis for this gross discrimination against such retired personnel who, by reason of past meritorious services, should be equally entitled to benefits granted to retired personnel retired after the effective date of the Military Pay Act of 1958, Public Law 85-422; and

WHEREAS, a failure to maintain the same standard for the computation of retired pay of all members of the uniformed services of the United States, regardless of the date of their retirement, will cause defections from active service of career officers and thus prove detrimental to the national defense and security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, retired members of the uniformed services of the United States reside in every portion of our country, however, the State of Minnesota is privileged to have great numbers of such retired personnel who have served their country faithfully and with distinction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of Minnesota, that the Legislature of Minnesota respectfully memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact appropriate legislation, similar to that proposed in S. 269, S. 541, and H. R. 703 of the 86th Congress, to provide that the retired pay of those retired before Jun 1, 1958, be computed on the same basis as the computation of the retired pay of such members retired after June 1, 1958; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President and the Vice-President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from the State of Minnesota in the Congress of the United States.

Approved April 24, 1959.

RESOLUTION No. 8—H. F. No. 1888

A concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation creating a Youth Conservation Corps to provide healthful outdoor training and employment for young men and to advance the conservation, development, and management of national resources of timber, soil, and water, and of recreational areas.