

RESOLUTION 3 — S.F.No. 186

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to halt the deregulation of natural gas prices under the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 for two years.

WHEREAS, the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 was enacted to promote the conservation and equitable allocation of natural gas; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 was enacted with the assumption that natural gas prices would increase at an annual rate approximately equal to four percent above inflation; and

WHEREAS, natural gas prices have actually increased 25 to 30 percent per year; and

WHEREAS, unforeseen market conditions have emerged which have created problems in the implementation of natural gas price deregulation; and

WHEREAS, consumer conservation and the economic recession have resulted in decreased natural gas consumption thereby creating a surplus supply; and

WHEREAS, the recession and high unemployment have placed a severe burden on consumers who are forced to pay higher prices for basic energy needs; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota is wholly dependent on natural gas supplies from other states and Canada; and

WHEREAS, it would be of great value to examine the potential effects of continued deregulation of natural gas prices and alternative means of accomplishing the purposes of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that Congress should speedily enact legislation to halt the deregulation of natural gas prices under the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 for two years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to transmit certified copies of this memorial to the President of the United States, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Chief Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved April 22, 1983

RESOLUTION 4 — S.F.No. 1195

A resolution memorializing the United States Congress to vote favorably on the bill H.R. 1646, the Railroad Retirement Solvency Act of 1983.

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WHEREAS, many residents of the State of Minnesota are currently engaged in railroad employment or have engaged in such employment in the past and look to the railroad retirement system to provide benefits when they retire; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the State of Minnesota are currently receiving benefits under the railroad retirement system and rely on such benefits to a large extent to meet the normal costs of living; and

WHEREAS, any reduction in the amount of benefits received by beneficiaries under the railroad retirement system would have a drastic affect on the ability of these beneficiaries to meet normal living expenses; and

WHEREAS, projections of the financial condition of the railroad retirement system show that unless corrective action is taken, monthly annuities will have to be reduced significantly beginning with the annuity checks to be sent out October 1, 1983, with additional reductions required in the future; and

WHEREAS, a bill, H.R. 1646, titled the Railroad Retirement Solvency Act of 1983, was introduced in the United States House of Representatives on February 24, 1983, by Mr. Florio; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1646 would resolve the short-term and long-term financial problems of the railroad retirement system, through an even-handed approach of tax increases on railroad employers and employees and adjustments of benefits to current and future beneficiaries, thereby preserving and protecting the rights and expectations of those currently receiving benefits and those who would receive such benefits in the future; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the members of Congress should vote favorably on H.R. 1646, the Railroad Retirement Solvency Act of 1983.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepare certified copies of this resolution and transmit them to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Minnesota.

Approved April 22, 1983

RESOLUTION 5 — H.F.No. 1059

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to take immediate steps to curb the sources of acid rain.

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