

NUMBER 18.

PENSIONS.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION in Reference to the Applications for Pensions.

WHEREAS, Thousands of applications for pensions are now pending in the United States pension offices and have been pending from two to ten years, and

WHEREAS, Many of the applicants gave the best years of their lives, their health, their strength in the defense of their country, and many gave up husband and father, and

WHEREAS, Many of them have now no means of support, but have, with their families, been reduced to abject poverty and want, therefore:

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That these applications of right ought to be speedily adjusted, that the expectations, hopes and just rights of those who suffered wounds and disease for their country's good should not longer be delayed.

Resolved, second, That our senators and representatives in congress be and they are hereby requested to use all their influence to secure the most speedy and adequate adjustment practicable of all such claims.

Resolved, third, That the secretary of state be instructed to furnish a copy of this memorial and joint resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved, April 7, 1884.

NUMBER 19.

JOINT RESOLUTION in Relation to Swamp Land Indemnity.

WHEREAS, The provisions of the act of congress of March 2, 1855, as extended by act of congress of March 3, 1857, granting indemnity to the states for swamp and overflowed lands disposed of by the United States, are held not to apply to sales and locations made after March 3, 1857, and,

WHEREAS, A large amount of land properly falling to the state and counties in Iowa, under the swamp grant, have been disposed of by the government since March 3, 1857, thereby compelling the counties and their grantees to abandon their claim to such lands or litigate with the purchasers of the government, and

WHEREAS, On the 4th day of February, 1884, the Hon. Mr. Cosgrove introduced a bill (H. R. 4505) in the house of representatives in congress, to