

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives requested to procure, if possible the passage of an act providing for the permanent retention at the Capital of the State, of the records of the government land office in Des Moines, Iowa, whenever the offices of Register and Receiver of said office shall be discontinued by the proper authorities, in pursuance of law. Said records to be turned over to the State of Iowa, and placed under the care and control of the Secretary of State, who shall provide for their safe keeping and proper arrangement as public records.

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MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION No. 2.

WHEREAS, It is the first duty of governments to adopt such policies as will best promote the growth of national power and insure prosperity to the nation and its citizens, and,

WHEREAS, One of the means necessary to secure these results permanently is: that the lands of a nation should be owned and possessed by its citizens exclusively, that the income therefrom may be added to the aggregate wealth of the nation, and,

WHEREAS, Large amounts of the lands of the nation are owned and controlled by citizens of foreign nations, who owe no allegiance to our government, the income from such lands increasing the wealth of other nations, and the continuance of this evil will result in the introduction of foreign systems of land-lordism thereby oppressing the labor interests of our nation; therefore be it

Resolved by the House, the Senate concurring:

That the ownership of lands within the limits of any state or territory of the nation by non-resident aliens is an evil threatening the prosperity of the nation, and vitally affecting the interests of the citizens.

Especially is this true of those who seek to secure homes on the public domain.

And we respectfully ask our Senators and Representatives in Congress to endeavor to have submitted to the states for their action thereon, an amendment to the national constitution, providing that non-resident aliens shall not own, possess or control, either individually or as a member of any company or corporation, any land or real estate within the limits of any state or territory of the nation, and for the equitable extinguishment of all titles now held by non-resident aliens who shall continue to be such after the expiration of six years after the adoption of such amendment.

Resolved: That the Secretary of State, be instructed to transmit a certified copy of this preamble and resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in congress.

April 3rd, 1888.