

WHEREAS, A bill is now before congress, introduced by Hon. J. W. McDill, of this state, to confirm the title to the land in such cases in the homestead settlers, provided they make satisfactory proof that said settlements were made in good faith, and by the action and authority of the local land officers in said land districts ; therefore,

Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our senators and representatives in congress are hereby respectfully requested to use their influence in favor of the passage of said bill, or some act having for its object the confirming of the title to the lands in such cases in the homestead settler.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be directed to forward a copy of this preamble and joint resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

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AGAINST FURTHER LAND-GRANTS.

JOINT RESOLUTION Asking our Members of Congress to pass a Law preventing the Granting of any more Lands to Corporations for Pecuniary Profit, or Railroad Companies.

WHEREAS, The disposition of the public lands by congress have been extravagant, millions of acres of these lands have been granted railroad and other corporations ; and

WHEREAS, The public lands are owned by the non-residents, speculators who intend to grow rich on the fruits of other people's toil, or are included within the grant to railroads, are tied up by a mortgage, and are inaccessible to all settlers, and are thus creating a vicious system of land-monopolies detrimental to the prosperity of the country ; and

WHEREAS, This fruitful soil of ours was not created to enrich speculators but to produce food to satisfy the hungry of mankind and a home for all ; therefore

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives be requested to use their utmost influence and so vote as to prevent the granting any more lands to corporations for pecuniary profit or selling the same to non-residents, and that the public lands be subject only to entry by actual settlers, or under the homestead law.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be and is instructed to forward a duly certified copy of the foregoing memorial and joint resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 14th, 1874.