

NUMBER 11.

JOINT RESOLUTION NUMBER TEN TO BE WITHHELD.

WHEREAS, A joint resolution asking congress to pass a law preventing the granting of any more lands to corporations or railroad companies has passed both houses of this general assembly; and

WHEREAS, Said resolution contains contradictory and inconsistent provisions which, while the objects of the resolution are indorsed by this general assembly, should not be forwarded as an expression of our views upon this important question; therefore

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That the secretary of state is hereby instructed to withhold said resolution, and the instructions directing him to transmit copies to our representatives in congress are hereby rescinded.

Approved February 17th, 1874.

NUMBER 12.

IMPROVEMENT OF MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES.

JOINT RESOLUTION in Reference to the Improvement of the Mississippi River and its Tributaries.

WHEREAS, The Mississippi river and its tributaries are the great national highway for the transportation of the surplus products raised by the people of twenty states and territories; and

WHEREAS, The improvement of the main channel and the mouth of said river is imperatively demanded, to the end that vessels of greater tonnage may be admitted thereon, thereby securing better and greater facilities for carrying such products with cheaper rates for the same; and

WHEREAS, The speedy completion of the work on the rapids of the upper Mississippi, in conjunction with such improvements of the Ohio, Missouri, and other tributaries as shall make its main channel more accessible, will secure to the agricultural interests of the country an increase in the value of their products by a reduction of the cost of transportation; therefore

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested to vote for such measures as will best accomplish the results so much desired.

Approved February 18th, 1874.