

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

PASSED BY THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

NUMBER 1.

FOX AND WISCONSIN RIVERS.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION in reference to securing a Commercial Highway by Water between the Mississippi River and Lake Michigan via the Valleys of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers.

WHEREAS, The general government has entered upon the task of opening up a commercial highway from the valley of the Mississippi river to Lake Michigan via the valleys of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers; and

WHEREAS, The people of the western states especially feel an absorbing interest in the speedy and successful accomplishment of this desirable result and that the money appropriated by congress for this purpose may be wisely and faithfully applied and not be wasted in extravagance and folly; therefore,

Be it resolved, That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives be requested to give this subject their careful and diligent attention, and to secure if possible such legislation in congress as will answer the just expectations of the people, and will enable the commerce of the central states of the continent to pass unfettered and unvexed to the markets of the world.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the president of the United States Senate, and to the speaker of the house of representatives, with a request that the same may be laid before each house of congress, and that a copy be sent to each senator and member of congress from this state.

Approved January 27, 1876.

NUMBER 2.

IMPROVEMENT OF MISSISSIPPI.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION in Reference to the Improvement of the Navigation of the Upper Mississippi River.

WHEREAS, The Mississippi river and its tributaries afford to the people who dwell in their valleys the most available means to escape exacting and

oppressive tariffs on the transportation of their products to the markets of the world, and

WHEREAS, In order to make this great national highway answer the full measure of its usefulness in affording greater facilities and safer passage for vessels of larger tonnage, it is of the utmost importance that the work on the rapids of the upper and lower Mississippi should be speedily completed.

Be it therefore resolved, that our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives be requested to advocate and vote for in congress such measures as will most speedily and successfully secure this result.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be directed to forward copies of this preamble and resolution to the president of the senate of the United States and to the speaker of the house of representatives with a request that they may be laid before each house of congress and that copies be sent to each senator and member of congress from this state.

Approved January 28, 1876.

N U M B E R 3 .

DES MOINES RIVER LANDS.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, The title to the lands known as lands of the Des Moines River grant, up and along the Des Moines river above the mouth of the Raccoon Fork, after long years of litigation are still unsettled,

THEREFORE, Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested to use their utmost influence, and so vote for such congressional legislation, as will as far as just and practicable, secure the settlers on the lands of said grant, titles to their homes, and forever settle the title to and ownership of the lands of this grant.

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

Approved February 3, 1876.

N U M B E R 4 .

GIVING CREDIT FOR FUNDS STOLEN FROM BREMER COUNTY TREASURY.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

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

WHEREAS, On the 2d day of January, 1862, the sum of \$2,086.73, belong-