

WHEREAS, A direct all-water connection between these two great routes is indispensable to a complete service to the interests which so imperatively demand improved and cheaper routes of transportation, since without such a connection there can be no real use by the northwest of a water-route to the east nor by the east to the northwest; and,

WHEREAS, The general assembly of Iowa did, in 1864, again in 1870, and still again in 1874, memorialize congress for the construction of a canal to connect the Mississippi with the Illinois on a line running eastward from or near Rock Island, while Governors Merrill, Carpenter, and Gear have also in official communications urged that congress should undertake that greatly needed work of improvement; therefore,

Resolved, That this House, the Senate concurring, respectfully memorialize the Congress of the United States, To authorize, provide for, and direct, at its present session, an early construction of a canal for commercial purposes from Hennepin, on the Illinois River, to or near Rock Island, on the Mississippi River.

Resolved, That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives be requested, to use all possible and proper exertions to secure, from the body in which they respectively serve, the passage of a bill at the present session ordering the immediate beginning of the work of constructing the canal herein mentioned, and to vote liberal appropriations therefor, to the end that the said canal may be completed and opened to the commerce of the country at the earliest possible date.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, duly signed by the speaker and attested by the clerk of this body, be forwarded to each of the Iowa senators and representatives in congress in order that the same may be duly presented to the respective bodies in which they serve.

Approved, February 21, 1882.

NUMBER 3.

CONCERNING PATENT-RIGHT EXTORTIONS.

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

I. That in view of the vexations, litigation, and extortions forced upon the people of this state by barb-wire, drive-well, and other patent-right monopolies, we do hereby earnestly request our senators and representatives in congress to use their influence to have the patent laws of the United States so amended that while they will secure due and ample reward to the inventive genius of our country they will also protect the people from the recurrence of such unjust exactions.

II. Resolved that the secretary of state be and he is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved, February 23, 1882.