

"To utilize the services of these conscientious objectors on the farms of the Nation would assist in the production of food so sorely needed at this time: Therefore be it

Resolved, That this House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby memorializes the Congress of the United States to enact such legislation consistent with the Constitution of the United States as will be necessary to authorize the use of all utilization of all able-bodied conscientious objectors on the farms of the Nation for the purpose of increasing the production of crops essential to the needs of the people of the Nation; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution shall be forwarded by the chief clerk of the house to the President of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States and to the Representatives and Senators from Pennsylvania in the Congress of the United States."

(The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a resolution identical with the foregoing, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.)

LIMITATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL TERM—RESOLUTION OF MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

Mr. VANDENBERG. Mr. President, in keeping with the immortal spirit of the great Thomas Jefferson, whose anniversary the whole Nation is about to celebrate devotedly, the Michigan State Legislature has just adopted resolutions in the Jeffersonian spirit and dedicated to one of the greatest of all the objectives which Jefferson deemed essential to the preservation of American democracy. It occurs to me that the Congress, as a part of its share in this Jeffersonian celebration, might well dramatize its own fidelity to this basic Jeffersonian tradition by making this great Jeffersonian anniversary the occasion for initiating the Jeffersonian action which the Michigan Legislature seeks. I present and ask that the Michigan legislative petition in the Jeffersonian pattern be read by the clerk and appropriately referred.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the clerk will read as requested.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 24

Concurrent resolution applying to the Congress of the United States under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution to limit the term of office of the President of the United States by prohibiting any one person from serving for more than two terms of 4 years each

Whereas the Constitution of the United States now contains no limitation on the number of terms which may be served by one person as President; and

Whereas the sound traditional limitation of two terms for any one person, first suggested and subscribed to by George Washington, has been adhered to by all Presidents from the creation of the United States until the year 1940; and

Whereas the wisdom of the traditional limitation has been amply demonstrated to the people of the United States by the first breach thereof; and

Whereas the tradition should be translated into a positive mandate of the people by action of the States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate (the house of representatives concurring), That the Michigan Legislature, for the State of Michigan, invokes its power, granted under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, to apply to the Congress of the United States to call a convention of the States for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution to limit the holding of the office of President of the United States by any one person to 2 terms of 4 years each; and be it further

Resolved, That this action of the legislature on behalf of the State of Michigan is a continuing application for the call of a convention for the purpose named herein, and the Congress of the United States is hereby respectfully requested to provide by resolution that this application be presented to each succeeding Congress until two-thirds of the States have made similar application; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and all Members of the Michigan delegation in the Congress of the United States.

Mr. VANDENBERG. Mr. President, in order to complete this brief Jeffersonian ritual this morning, I here wish to read one sentence from Jefferson's famous letter to Mr. Weaver in June 1807:

If some period be not fixed, either by the Constitution or by practice, to the services of the First Magistrate, his office, though nominally elective, will, in fact, be for life; and that will soon degenerate into an inheritance.

Mr. President, in these days it is very good to have the country remember Thomas Jefferson.

Mr. GUFFEY. Mr. President, will the Senator yield for a question?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Does the Senator from Michigan yield to the Senator from Pennsylvania?

Mr. VANDENBERG. I yield.

Mr. GUFFEY. In what year was the quotation written?

Mr. VANDENBERG. It was written in 1807.

Mr. GUFFEY. There are many quotations bearing on the same subject of later date than that cited by the Senator from Michigan which he may find by obtaining access to the Jeffersonian Encyclopedia.

Mr. VANDENBERG. I am very glad to have the Senator's advice. He has run out on Thomas Jefferson so often that I am not surprised that he does so again this morning.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The concurrent resolution of the Michigan Legislature will be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore also laid before the Senate a concurrent resolution identical with the foregoing, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.)

RESOLUTIONS OF THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE—FARM AND FARM LABOR NEEDS—ALLOCATION OF WAR CONTRACTS TO CHICAGO PLANTS

Mr. BROOKS. I present for appropriate reference House Joint Resolution No. 21, adopted by the Sixty-third General Assembly of the State of Illinois, and request unanimous consent that it be included in the RECORD. This resolution deals with the food situation, farm

needs, and action of the selective-service board in the drafting of farm labor.

I invite the attention of the Senators to the recommendation of the Illinois General Assembly in this resolution.

I also present for appropriate reference Senate Joint Resolution No. 14, adopted by the Sixty-third General Assembly of the State of Illinois, and request unanimous consent to have it included following my introduction. This resolution deals with the labor scarcity areas established by the War Manpower Commission. It places the city of Chicago in the labor scarcity area, thereby prohibiting the allocation of additional war contracts to Chicago plants.

I invite the attention of the Members of the Senate to this resolution.

There being no objection, the resolutions were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and; under the rule, ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

House Joint Resolution 21

Whereas it is a matter of the most extreme urgency that our agricultural production resources be maintained at a level which will insure a food supply adequate to meet the extraordinary demands of our armed forces and our civilian population; and

Whereas the imminent food crisis with which this Nation is faced constitutes a grave threat to the successful prosecution of the national war effort; and

Whereas an important contributing factor to this emergency has been the short-sighted selective-service policy which permitted the indiscriminate drafting of essential farm labor; and

Whereas unless this policy is altered immediately to defer or exempt farm labor from military service, we are faced with a complete break down of our internal stability and a consequent impairment of our war effort: Therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third General Assembly of the State of Illinois (the senate concurring herein), That we respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to enact such measures as will immediately defer or exempt from military service all essential farm labor and services for the reasons enumerated in the preamble hereto; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this preamble and resolution be forwarded by the secretary of state to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate, to each Member of Congress from the State of Illinois, and to the War Manpower Commission and the National Selective Service Headquarters at Washington, D. C.

(The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore also laid before the Senate a resolution identical with the foregoing, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.)

By Mr. BROOKS:

A joint resolution of the Senate of the State of Illinois; to the Committee on Military Affairs:

"Senate Joint Resolution 14

"Whereas the War Manpower Commission has classified the city of Chicago and all Illinois cities as a labor scarcity area and placed an immediate ban on the allocation of additional war contracts to Chicago manufacturers; and

"Whereas the significance of Chicago's contribution to the national war effort and the indispensable and vital function it must continue to serve during the pendency of the war cannot be too much emphasized; and