

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2.

Memorializing the Congress of the United States to extend for a period of ten years, the time of the operation of Section 4, of an Act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of Government for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1895, and for other purposes, approved Aug. 18, 1894, relating to Arid Land Donation, and amended by Act of Congress approved June 11, 1896.

Be it Resolved by the Senate of the State of Wyoming, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the Congress of the United States be memorialized as follows:

Whereas, The Congress of the United States did, by said above entitled act, under certain conditions, donated to the arid land states, one million acres of land; and,

Whereas, The State of Wyoming by its Legislature in 1895 did by proper legislation accept the conditions of said donation and enact laws for the proper disposition of said land; and,

Whereas, Under said legislation there has been 100,000 acres successfully segregated, and there are applications now on file for the segregation of 80,000 acres more, and there are new enterprises now in process of formation whereby 200,000 acres more can be successfully reclaimed; and,

Whereas, By means of the successful operation of this arid land reclamation there has been an increase of more than three hundred homes within the state and there will be added more than five hundred more homes this year; and,

Whereas, The building by the Burlington Railroad Company of a branch line into Big Horn County was directly caused by the settlement of that county under the provisions of said arid land legislation; and,

Whereas, A large amount of money and long time is required with which to perfect and put in full operation the several seggregations; and,

Whereas, The new population coming in at this time because of the success of the older ones, cannot perfect their undertakings by the time for the expiration of the terms of said act; to-wit, the 18th day of August, 1904.

Now, Therefore, **Be it Resolved**, That the Congress of the United States is hereby requested to extend the time limit upon said arid land legislation for a period of ten years, from the 18th day of August, 1904.

Be it Further Resolved, That a certified copy of these resolutions be sent to each of the congressional delegation from this state to Congress with request that they urge such measure upon the attention of Congress.

EDWARD W. STONE,

President of Senate.

J. S. ATHERLY,

Speaker of House.

Approved February 14th, 1901.

DeF. RICHARDS,

Governor.