

ORIGINAL SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

A JOINT MEMORIAL, memorializing the Congress of the United States of America, against legislation to provide federal aid for school construction.

WHEREAS, legislation is pending before the Congress to authorize a program of federal grants for school construction; and

WHEREAS, federal aid for school construction would be only the first step toward federal aid for school operation; and

WHEREAS, the White House Conference on Education reported that no state has demonstrated a financial incapacity to build its own schools; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming is one of the few states which is demonstrating both a political determination and a financial capacity to build and operate its own schools, despite the fact that the Congress refuses to let Wyoming own and tax 52% of its land area, which is consequently not available for school support; and

WHEREAS, despite this tremendous disadvantage, the State of Wyoming is much more solvent than the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, any form of federal subsidy brings with it the implied threat or self-evident need for federal supervision or regulation; and

WHEREAS, with respect to building, financing and operating Wyoming schools, the Sovereign State of Wyoming has no intention of relinquishing its right and privilege to any federal agency or even to the Congress of the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Wyoming, the House of such Legislature concurring, that Wyoming is firmly opposed to the

passage of any proposal to extend or provide new federal grants for any school purpose and the Congress of the United States of America is hereby memorialized against any and all such proposals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies hereof be promptly transmitted to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of said Congress, United States Senator Frank A. Barrett, United States Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney, and Representative in Congress E. Keith Thomson, and to the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and to the Commissioner of Education.

Approved February 12, 1957.