

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF CALIFORNIA,

ASKING

*Congress to grant same aid in lands and subsidies to construct the Southern Pacific railroad as have been granted to construct the Union and Central Pacific railroad.*

JUNE 22, 1868.—Referred to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad and ordered to be printed.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, *Department of State:*

I, H. L. Nichols, secretary of state of the State of California, do hereby certify that the annexed is a true, full, and correct copy of senate joint resolution number fifty-seven and memorial passed the 17th session of the legislature of said State, now on file in my office.

Witness my hand and the great seal of State, at office, in Sacramento, California, the twenty-ninth day of April, A. D. 1868.

[SEAL.]

H. L. NICHOLS,

*Secretary of State.*

By LEW. B. HARRIS, *Deputy.*

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NUMBER FIFTY-SEVEN AND MEMORIAL.

The memorial of the legislature of the State of California to the Congress of the United States respectfully represents :

That a railroad between San Francisco and the Missouri valley by the southern route, and passing through the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico, would traverse a region of country an empire in extent, of vast mineral and agricultural wealth, and especially recommended by its mild climate and low mountain passes, but which, being infested by savage tribes, is almost uninhabited by civilized men.

That the speedy construction of said road would constitute an additional bond of union and friendship between the different sections of our country, would save to the general government millions of money annually in the cost of military occupation and protection, and by developing the resources of a broad belt of country nearly two thousand miles in length would add enormously to the productive power and wealth of the nation.

That whilst the distance, (to wit, six or seven degrees of latitude) between the parallel upon which the said road would be and that upon which the Central

Pacific and Union Pacific Companies are now pushing their roads to completion with such commendable energy and success is so great as to produce jealousy between the respective companies, the opening of two roads across the continent would nevertheless insure a healthful competition most advantageous to the public and to the government as a transporter.

*Therefore resolved by the senate (and assembly of the State of California,* That the Congress of the United States be respectfully requested to grant in favor of the said railroad by the southern route like aids, franchises and loans as have been or may be granted in aid of the said road by the Central route.

*Resolved,* That our senators in Congress be instructed and our representatives requested to do everything in their power to secure favorable and speedy action upon the foregoing memorial.

*Resolved,* That his excellency the governor be requested to transmit the foregoing memorial and resolutions by telegraph, and to forward copies thereof to our senators and representatives in Congress.

C. T. RYLAND,

*Speaker of the Assembly.*

WM. COLDEN,

*President of the Senate.*

Passed the senate February 26, A. D. 1868.

JOHN WHITE,

*Secretary of the Senate.*

Passed the assembly February 28, A. D. 1868.

JOHN A. EAGAN,

*Clerk of the Assembly.*