

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has submitted for ratification by the state legislatures the proposed Woman Suffrage Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, additional legislation should be enacted for the benefit of the returning soldiers of the World War; and

WHEREAS, a special session of the Minnesota Legislature should be held as early as possible for the aforesaid purposes and for the further reasons that representations of the increased danger of a repetition of the forest fire catastrophe of last year have been made to the so-called Calamity Board, which cannot legally act in this matter, and that many settlers in the northwestern part of the State have suffered great damage on account of floods alleged to have resulted from inadequate and ineffective state drainage; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature should also convene to amend our election laws; to establish a better and more scientific budget system for the state; to devise ways and means of eliminating unreasonable and unfair profits; and to enact such laws as will enable the State and Federal governments to co-operate more closely in their endeavors to reduce the high cost of living;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joseph A.A. Burnquist, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby summon the members of the Legislature to convene in extra session on

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 8, 1919,

and, in order that the session may be as brief as possible and to expedite the work thereof, I hereby suggest and request that the chairmen of the committees hereinafter named arrange as soon as possible for such public hearings and joint meetings of their committees or sub-committees appointed by them as will enable said committees to have ready for introduction at the opening of the

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session such bills as they may formulate upon the subjects herein suggested:

The Senate and House Committees on Elections to prepare a bill providing for the ratification of the proposed Woman Suffrage Amendment, and also such amendments to the election laws as will tend to prevent minority elections and give opportunity for political parties to meet legally, to discuss and adopt party platforms and propose candidates for public office without, however, depriving the people of a right to a direct vote in the primary election on such proposed nominees for public office.

The Senate and House Committees on Military Affairs to study and draw up bills for the further benefit of our returned soldiers and sailors.

The Senate and House Committees on Reconstruction and Relief to look into the forest fire situation and to draft a bill to provide for the elimination to the extent possible of the causes of forest fires.

The Senate and House Committees on Drainage to investigate the damages and to frame a bill for the relief of the flood sufferers and the prevention of floods.

The Senate and House Committees on Finance and Appropriations to submit a budget measure for the State's better administration of its finances.

I do further suggest and request that the presiding officer of each house appoint, as soon as may be, special committees to meet jointly for the purpose of giving hearings, considering and preparing bills which shall have for their purpose the reduction of the high cost of living, through providing for the detection of, and punishment for, such wrongful acts or practices as result in unjust profits and which will create for the State such machinery as will make it possible for it and the Federal government to co-operate in correcting any abuses that exist within our Commonwealth.

I do also urge and request that the State Federation of Labor and the Minnesota Employers Association appoint committees to confer at the earliest possible date and to agree, prior to the beginning of the special session, upon such legislation as will eliminate any just grievances labor may have and provide additional facilities for procuring and maintaining industrial good-will within our state.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto
caused the Great Seal of the State to
be affixed and have hereunto set my
hand, at the Capitol in the City of
Saint Paul, this eleventh day of
August, 1918.

J. A. A. Paraguet
GOVERNOR.

Attest:

Julius A. Schuch
Secretary of State.

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