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MEMORIAL

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IOWA,

PRAYING

That a grant of land be made to the Territory of Nebraska, to aid in the construction of a railroad from the Missouri river, via the South Pass, to some point in Washington Territory.

MARCH 1, 1858.—Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

MEMORIAL to Congress praying for a grant of land to aid in the construction of a railroad from the Missouri river, via the South Pass, to some point in Washington Territory.

To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists, the general assembly of the State of Iowa, would state, as they are informed, the legislature of the Territory of Nebraska, at its session, A. D. 1857, did memorialize Congress that a grant of land ought to be made to that Territory to aid in the construction of a railroad, with its main trunk starting from some point on the Missouri river, between the northern boundary of the Omaha Indian reservation, as at present inhabited by the Omaha Indians, and the mouth of the Running Water river, with branches, not exceeding two, starting from other points within the above limits, and uniting with the main trunk westerly. The main trunk, or a branch, to start from a point on the Missouri river, in Dakota county, in Nebraska Territory; said road running westerly by the nearest and best route up the valley of said Running Water, by the way of the "South Pass," in the Rocky mountains, or of any other pass north of said South Pass, to the western boundary of said Territory, with a branch from the main trunk, through the Black Hills, into the valley of the Yellow Stone river; thence by the nearest and best route northwesterly to the western boundary of said Territory, at some practicable pass through the Rocky mountains into Washington Territory: Therefore—

Your memorialists, the general assembly of the State of Iowa, believing that the construction of the said railroad would greatly tend to develop the resources and increase the prosperity of the Territory of Nebraska, and would also be of great advantage to the State of

Iowa, respectfully ask that the grant of land prayed for by the legislature of Nebraska Territory may be made to aid in the construction of said railroad.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be instructed to transmit a duly authenticated copy of the above memorial and this resolution to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, with the request that they be laid before their respective houses; and also a like copy to the governor of the Territory of Nebraska.

STEPHEN B. SHELLY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ORAN FAVILLE,
President of the Senate.

Approved February 20, 1858.

RALPH P. LOWE.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the original roll on file in my office.

ELIJAH SELLS,
Secretary of State.