



# Connecticut State Grange

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## 2009 Resolutions

### **1) RE: CT'S STATE CAKE (Adopted)**

WHEREAS before our country gained its independence, colonial housewives were making special cakes to celebrate the democratic ideals of their new homeland, and

WHEREAS Connecticut is the birthplace of the Election Cake, a.k.a. Hartford Election Cake, and can be traced back to the gubernatorial elections held in Hartford, CT as early as 1660, and

WHEREAS Election Day (held in May) was considered an important holiday in early New England ranking second only to Thanksgiving. Election cake was indeed a major part of the holiday, and

WHEREAS Election Day was also known as Training Day when the colonial American farmers were called to military practice for days of training and they would partake of this same cake calling it "Muster Cake," and

WHEREAS this is such a unique part of Connecticut's history and should be recognized.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Election Cake, this piece of Americana, be placed on the list of Connecticut's symbols, and that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee submit this resolution to the State Legislature for their consideration, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Grangers in Connecticut be urged to get behind this effort following the guidance of the State Legislative Committee.

**SOURCE: Lyme Grange #147**

### **2) RE: TOLL FREE NUMBER FOR CT STATE GRANGE (Rejected)**

WHEREAS presently a telephone call to the State Grange office or to the Worthy State Master is a toll call from most areas in our state, and

WHEREAS a toll free number would prove very convenient to many people who have reason to call our State Master and State Secretary, and

WHEREAS one toll free number can serve several extensions from the main number, including voice mail, and can be expanded as needed to other extensions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange activate an 800 toll free number with extensions as soon as possible.

**SOURCE: Stonington Grange #168**

### **3) RE: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FUNDING (Adopted)**

WHEREAS more Americans than ever are taking advantage of the National Park System as an affordable form of recreation in tough economic times, and

WHEREAS the National Mall attracts more visitors than Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon and Yosemite National Parks combined, and

WHEREAS nearly \$400 million is needed to repair and maintain the buildings and grounds that encompass this national park, and

WHEREAS deferred maintenance has resulted in fetid pools that kill ducks and ducklings with avian botulism, sea walls around the Jefferson Memorial sinking into the mud, soil up and down the Mall trampled into virtual concrete where grass will not grow, among many other examples, and

WHEREAS support in Congress is limited due to the District's lack of a vote and the ability of legislators to send earmarks home to curry favor with constituents, and

WHEREAS many legislators believe funding a park in Washington would be perceived by voters as Congress spending the money frivolously all the while employing 1,900 workers to maintain the buildings and 450 acre grounds of the Capitol complex while the National Park Service has approximately 200 workers for the 650 acre Mall and its memorials, and

WHEREAS a Federal Stimulus appropriation of \$50 million for 2009 will largely go towards repairing the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, the reflecting pool and the District of Columbia War Memorial, and

WHEREAS the National Grange Birthplace Marker is in disrepair and likely will remain in this condition as long as the National Park Service's funding for the National Mall remains at current levels.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange encourage Congress to appropriate the necessary funds or to establish a funding plan or program to meet the estimated \$400 million necessary to repair and properly maintain the National Mall.

**SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74; Eureka Grange No. 62**

### **4) RE: HIGHWAY ON/OFF RAMP SAFETY (Adopted)**

WHEREAS there has been an increased number of accidents throughout the state and region in recent years involving wrong-way drivers, and

WHEREAS many of these accidents have involved alcohol or substance abuse and impairment due to age, medical condition and/or lack of sleep, and

WHEREAS many of the highways ramps throughout the state are poorly marked, especially where on and off ramps run side by side with "DO NOT ENTER" signs posted between both ramps which can cause even the most alert and cautious driver to second guess themselves momentarily.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Department of Transportation review signage and the overall design of highway ramps throughout the state to make them safer and to more clearly differentiate between on and off ramps, especially when such ramps run side by side.

**SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74; Mountain County Pomona No. 4**

**5) RE: CONNECTICUT LINE OF SUCCESSION (Rejected)**

WHEREAS the unwritten custom of the Connecticut State Grange has been to choose its State Masters by electing a Gatekeeper who will spend the next sixteen years serving as Gatekeeper, Asst. Steward, Steward and Overseer before finally being elected Master of the Connecticut State Grange, and

WHEREAS this custom has discouraged many members from seeking any office in the line, including Master, because of the minimum 20 year commitment involved in this process, and

WHEREAS most states outside of the Northeast Region have abandoned this process in favor of electing qualified members to office without regard to a line of succession, therefore encouraging more members to take an active role in the State Grange and to allow members who do not necessarily desire to be State Master to serve in offices now considered to be part of the "line" of succession.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange officially endorse the practice of electing any qualified member to any office without regard to a line of succession.

**SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74; Eureka Grange No. 62; Mountain County Pomona No. 4; Quinebaug Pomona No. 2**

**6) RE: MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP TRAINING FUND (Adopted)**

WHEREAS the National Grange has made great efforts to train all members to revitalize and organize Granges throughout the country through the Grange Growth Summit, Team Speak programs, workshops with the National Membership/Leadership Director Rusty Hunt, and through the development of PowerPoint programs and materials to advance this program, and

WHEREAS members of the Connecticut State Grange have attended the Grange Growth Summit and have begun the process of revitalizing Granges in Connecticut, and

WHEREAS many more trained members are needed in addition to the six member Revitalization Team appointed by the State Master earlier this year, and

WHEREAS Membership/Leadership development and training should be made available to all Grange members throughout the state.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange create a new line item in the budget for

Membership/Leadership Training and allocate \$10,000 to fund these critically important programs.

**SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74; Eureka Grange No. 62; Mountain County Pomona No. 4;  
Quinebaug Pomona No. 2**

**7) RE: NEW GRANGE INCENTIVE PROGRAM (Adopted)**

WHEREAS the National Master has challenged each state to organize/reorganize and revitalize Granges, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange has a commitment to organize/reorganize at least one Grange and to revitalize at least one Grange, and

WHEREAS the National Grange has established an incentive program that encourages new or reorganized Granges to meet specific goals early on to receive the following monetary awards:

New Granges

- \$100 - Charter Application filed, obligated and officers installed.
- \$100 - First report to State Grange filed on time.
- \$100 - Conferral of all Four Degrees
- \$100 - Net gain in membership after 4 quarters.

Reorganized Granges

- \$50 - Charter Application filed, obligated and officers installed.
- \$50 - First Quarterly Report filed.
- \$50 - Four Degrees conferred
- \$50 - 4th Quarterly Report with net gain.

WHEREAS these incentives provide much needed money for new Granges and, more importantly, forces these Granges to build momentum and to work together early on to meet these goals, thereby promoting the long-term success of the Grange.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange match each of the incentives as outlined above to provide a maximum of \$400 for new Granges and \$200 for reorganized Granges in addition to the money provided by the National Grange.

**SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74; Eureka Grange No. 62; Mountain County Pomona No. 4;  
Quinebaug Pomona No. 2**

**8) RE: GRANGE REVITALIZATION KIT (Adopted)**

WHEREAS the National Grange has developed materials through the Membership/Leadership Department that can be valuable tools in revitalizing Connecticut's Granges, and

WHEREAS simply telling members where to find them on the National Grange website may not be the best way to encourage their use, and

WHEREAS it is the belief of the members of the western (CT) Revitalization Team that these materials need to be placed in the hands of the leaders of each of the Granges in this state.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange establish a Grange Revitalization Kit to include (but not be limited to) the following items:

- Applications for membership that are specific to Connecticut, not the generic applications provided by the National Grange.
- Meeting/Notice Postcards which are included in the National Grange Builder Kits.
- Declaration of Purposes (the new full color, magazine format from National Grange) and get these kits into each of the Granges in the state as part of the ongoing Revitalization program.

**SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74; Eureka Grange No. 62; Mountain County Pomona No. 4; Quinebaug Pomona No. 2**

**9) "DO NOT MAIL" LIST FOR ELDERLY (Rejected)**

WHEREAS many elderly parents demand their independence to live in their own homes, and

WHEREAS these elderly are constantly receiving unwanted mailings from companies and organizations seeking donations or purchases. Many elderly are targeted for buying or donating to these mailings by well-phrased ads which address many elderly concerns, Social Security, Medicare, Investments, Medications, etc., and

WHEREAS many of these elderly mailing addresses are given or sold by organizations they belong to without their permission.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange work with our legislators to make a "DO NOT MAIL LIST", similar to a do not call list that allow elderly to have their names removed from these unwanted mailings nationwide and allow our elderly to live independently without unnecessary junk mail, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution go on to the National Grange for their support on a national "Do Not Mail List."

**SOURCE: Coventry Grange No. 75**

**10) RE: INCREASING LENGTH OF TERM FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVES (Rejected)**

WHEREAS the length of term of office for the House of Representatives is two years, and the length of term of office for the Senate is six years, and

WHEREAS the term of office for the House of Representatives is only two years, incumbents initiate re-election fundraising efforts early in their term and such efforts encompass the majority of their terms, thus allowing less time and energy being devoted to the task of the office, and

WHEREAS campaign costs are great and ever-increasing, and as a result of the disparity of length of terms between both aforementioned offices, requiring three fundraising campaigns for a Representative to be equal to one term of a Senator.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange initiate and support a change in the length of term of office for the House of Representatives.

**SOURCE: Stonington Grange No. 168**

**11) RE: A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ENDING GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS TO FILL SENATE VACANCIES (Adopted)**

WHEREAS controversies have surrounded some of the recent gubernatorial appointments to vacant United States Senate seats, and

WHEREAS in 1913 the seventeenth amendment to the Constitution gave citizens the right to elect senators, and

WHEREAS citizens should have the same right in the case of an unexpired mid-term vacancies, and

WHEREAS the United State Senate should be as responsive as possible to the will of the American people, and

WHEREAS the Constitution already requires any vacancies in the House of Representatives be filled by a special election.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange support passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution ending gubernatorial appointments to fill unexpected mid-term vacancies in the United States Senate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendment require states to hold a special election to fill the vacancies, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the next session of the National Grange together with a recommendation for favorable action thereon.

**SOURCE: East Central Pomona No. 3**

**12) RE: CREATING COINS CHEAPER (Rejected)**

WHEREAS it costs the U.S. Mint 1.5 cents to create a penny -- and nearly 9 cents for a nickel, and

WHEREAS with each new penny and nickel we issue, we increase the national debt by almost as much as the coin is worth, and

WHEREAS substituting a cheaper metal, perhaps steel, could save up to \$100 million annually, and

WHEREAS only Congress has the power to regulate currency which means legislative efforts are necessary for a change, and

WHEREAS common sense dictates that a change be made promptly regarding using a cheaper metal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee initiate the necessary legislative process.

**SOURCE: Lyme Grange No. 147**

**13) RE: REAR VIEW MIRRORS (Adopted)**

WHEREAS there are more bicyclists on the roads, and

WHEREAS bicyclists ride with the traffic on the roads and not always on the side of the road, and

WHEREAS many bicyclists wear earphones, and

WHEREAS a rear view mirror on the bike or helmet would allow the bicyclist to see the traffic coming up behind, and

WHEREAS the bicyclist should move to the side of the road allowing traffic to pass.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee urge the State of Connecticut to take the necessary process for the use of rear view mirrors by bicyclists.

**SOURCE: Lyme Grange No. 147**

**14) RE: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (Rejected)**

WHEREAS daylight saving time has been around since 1929, and

WHEREAS the National Grange opposed the continuation of daylight saving time in 1929, and

WHEREAS prior to 2008, daylight saving time commenced in April and went to October, and

WHEREAS in 2008 it was extended to March through November in an attempt to conserve energy, which did

not happen, and

WHEREAS daylight saving should be returned to the April to October months, or abolished entirely.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange to urge our legislators to return to the April - October months or abolish daylight saving entirely.

**SOURCE: Unavailable**

**15) RE: IDENTITY THEFT (Rejected)**

WHEREAS Identity Theft continues to be a serious problem, and

WHEREAS the advance of technology makes protection of individual privacy more of a challenge, and

WHEREAS the responsibility of maintaining privacy of personal information belongs to the individual, and private and public entities, and

WHEREAS more awareness if identity theft needs to be recognized by all concerned, and

WHEREAS responsibility and accountability to prevent Identity Theft needs to be addressed more strongly, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED New London County Pomona No. 6 request the Connecticut State Grange to adopt a resolution on this matter at their 2009 Annual Session, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we recognize this matter is a national and even an international one, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all solutions be considered in addressing this problem including appropriate individual, and private and governmental action and standards.

**SOURCE: New London County Pomona No. 6**

**16) RE: CT INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SIGNS (Adopted)**

WHEREAS there are many interstate highway signs that are faded and cannot be read, and

WHEREAS traffic traveling on Connecticut interstates have trouble finding exits, and

WHEREAS Connecticut wants to promote tourism and business traffic.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee urge the DOT to replace the faded signs on the interstate highways.

**SOURCE: Lyme Grange No. 147**

**17) RE: WEIGH STATIONS (Adopted)**

WHEREAS big trucks, semi's, are used to bring products into the state, and

WHEREAS many of these trucks are overweight and have not had repairs done in order to safely operate on the highways, and

WHEREAS many of these trucks have caused damage to our highways and by-ways, and cause accidents, and

WHEREAS the few weigh stations in Connecticut are seldom open five days a week for inspections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge our legislators to open the weigh stations more frequently, and impose fines for violations of weight and safety regulations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fines be used to make repairs to our highways.

**SOURCE: East Central Pomona No. 3**

**18) RE: REGALIA/SASH FOR SPOUSE OF STATE MASTER (Adopted)**

WHEREAS the spouse of the Connecticut State Grange (hereafter CSG) Master wears no regalia to mark this individual as such, but is in a visually prominent position at various functions, and

WHEREAS there is no specific prohibition against issuing a sash to the spouse of the CSG Master in the Digest of Laws of the National Grange, or the Constitution and By-Laws of the CSG.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CSG mark our First Spouse with a pink sash worthy of this dignified position.

**SOURCE: Unavailable**

**19) RE: FARM SIGNS (Adopted)**

WHEREAS traffic on Connecticut's rural roads is always increasing, and

WHEREAS seasonal agricultural equipment driven or towed uses these same roads.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the interest of safety, the Connecticut State Grange support legislation encouraging the towns in our state to post the familiar yellow and black agricultural equipment area caution signs where applicable.

**SOURCE: Stonington Grange No. 168**

**20) RE: LOW COST INTEREST LOANS FOR FARMERS (Adopted)**

WHEREAS farmers are having difficulty running their farms in hard economic times, and

WHEREAS farms are being lost because of financial problems, and

WHEREAS Connecticut must not stand by and watch as farms are going out of business, and

WHEREAS the government should set up a low interest loan system to assist the farmers, and

WHEREAS farmers may borrow money at low interest to keep their farms solvent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative and Agricultural Committees submit this resolution to the State Legislature for their consideration.

**SOURCE: Lyme Grange No. 147**

**21) RE: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (Rejected)**

WHEREAS the United States opens its doors to those wanting to come to this country, and allows persons to do so by applying through proper channels, and

WHEREAS most countries have similar laws regarding immigration, and

WHEREAS there are many who have come into the country illegally and have put a financial burden on municipalities and their hospitals, housing and services, and

WHEREAS many of our citizens are looking for housing and good health care as well as employment, and

WHEREAS the Federal Government wants to grant amnesty to illegal immigrants.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Grange urge our Representatives to enforce stricter compliance to the immigration laws, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange for further implementation.

**SOURCE: Manchester Grange No. 31; E. Central Pomona No. 3**

**22) RE: HOLDING PASSENGERS ON AIRCRAFT (Adopted)**

WHEREAS some aircraft with passengers onboard have sat at the gate or out on the tarmac from one to eleven hours, and

WHEREAS conditions on the planes become unsanitary and physically stressing, and

WHEREAS passengers are unable to seek other airline flights to get to their destinations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our legislators to enact laws limiting the time that a plane can hold passengers before allowing them to deplane.

**SOURCE: West Suffield Grange No. 199**

**23) RE: FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY STATE POLICE COVERAGE (Rejected)**

WHEREAS fire engines often encounter other vehicles that do not give the right of way to them, and

WHEREAS other vehicles dangerously hamper the fire engine en route, and

WHEREAS some Connecticut towns have given fire fighters auxiliary State Police powers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our legislators to enact laws requiring all fire departments to maintain auxiliary State Police coverage within their departments.

**SOURCE: West Suffield Grange No. 199**

**24) RE: TEXTING WHILE DRIVING (Rejected)**

WHEREAS texting while driving may result in accidents, injuries or even death, and

WHEREAS penalties for texting for driving are minor or nonexistent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our legislators to enact stricter laws regarding the penalties for texting while driving.

**SOURCE: West Suffield Grange No. 199**

**25) RE: GASOLINE TAX (Rejected)**

WHEREAS gasoline prices hurt everyone that drives, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut state tax is a percentage of the gasoline price.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our legislators to enact a law setting an exact amount per gallon of gas, instead of an increasing percentage.

**SOURCE: West Suffield Grange No. 199**

**26) RE: MEDICARE COVERAGE (Adopted)**

WHEREAS Medicare charges about 100 dollars a month to cover 80 percent of a subscriber's medical bills, and

WHEREAS external coverage for the remaining 20 percent costs about 200 dollars a month.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our legislators to investigate for price gouging by these external companies, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our legislators be urged to promote Medicare coverage for this 20 percent of uncovered bills, at any cost.

**SOURCE: West Suffield Grange No. 199**

**27) RE: PRICE OF CONNECTICUT GRANGER (Rejected)**

WHEREAS the production of the State newsletter Connecticut Granger has risen steadily for several years, and

WHEREAS the cost of postage has increased substantially, and

WHEREAS the cost to subscribers has remained the same for more than 25 years, and

WHEREAS the low price of \$3.00 a year cannot serve to cover these rising expenses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to increase the cost of the Connecticut Granger to \$10.00 per year.

**SOURCE: Enfield Grange No. 151**

**28) RE: FARM SAFETY ACT H.R. 2749 (Rejected)**

WHEREAS the Farm Safety Act, H.R. 2749 has been passed by the House of Representatives and is in committee at the Senate, and

WHEREAS this bill deals with food safety for food delivered from the producer to the customer, and

WHEREAS this bill has both good and undesirable issues for both the large farms and small farms, and

WHEREAS the good points deal with the large industrialized farms and the food coming from other countries and whose facilities have the manpower for the necessary record keeping, and

WHEREAS the undesirable issues concern mostly the smaller local farmer in that unannounced inspections and considerable record keeping are involved and he/she does not have the time, the money or the facilities needed, and

WHEREAS the regulations to implement this resolution have not been clearly defined, and

WHEREAS Representative Rosa DeLauro is coordinating with the Connecticut State Grange a similar resolution, and

WHEREAS the attending members of the Northeast Legislative & Agriculture Committees voted in the affirmative to oppose the Food Safety Act H.R. 2749 on September 27, 2009.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange oppose the passage of H.R. 2749, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee inform our General Assembly of our concerns for this resolution, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange together with a recommendation for favorable action therein.

**SOURCE: Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee**

**29) RE: MASTER'S ADDRESS (Adopted)**

WHEREAS the Master of the Connecticut State Grange has reported to the 125th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange through his printed and spoken Master's address the completed work, activities and actions of the Connecticut State Grange, and

WHEREAS much time, energy and thought was invested in the preparation and writing of this report.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we commend the Worthy Master on this fine report, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange accept this report and order it printed in the Journal of Proceedings of the 125th Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange.

**SOURCE: Committee Resolution**

**30) RE: SOCIAL MEDIA (Adopted)**

WHEREAS social media is an umbrella term that defines the various activities that integrate technology, social interaction, and the construction of words and pictures, and

WHEREAS social media are primarily internet and mobile-based tools for sharing and discussing information, and

WHEREAS these emerging technologies have exploded in popularity in the last two years, with applications such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter leading the pack, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange has recently established an official presence on these social media tools, and

WHEREAS Grange members as individuals have expressed the desire to represent the Connecticut State Grange on the Social Media platform outside of the official representation, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange must ensure that its internet presence is accurate and consistent across all public and media exposure, and

WHEREAS this presence must effectively reflect the Grange's mission, vision and trademarks.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange discourage individual members from creating their own representation of the Connecticut State Grange on the Social Media platform, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange encourage these individual members to utilize the official Connecticut State Grange website and the officially endorsed social media sites established by the Connecticut State Grange as their social media outlet, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we encourage all Subordinate and Pomona Granges to take similar action.

**SOURCE: Constitution and By-Laws Session Committee**

**31) RE: PRICE OF CONNECTICUT GRANGER (Adopted)**

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WHEREAS the cost of postage has increased substantially, and

WHEREAS the cost of subscribers has remained the same for more than 25 years, and

WHEREAS the low price of \$3.00 a year can not serve to cover these rising expenses

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegate body recommend an increase in the cost of the Connecticut Granger to \$6.00 per year for individual subscriptions and \$5.00 per year per subscription for 100% grange participation.

**SOURCE: Committee Resolution**

**32) RE: SALARY REVIEW (Adopted)**

WHEREAS the Worthy Master has requested a review of the Salaries of the State Offices of Master, Secretary, Treasurer and Lecturer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegate body of the Connecticut State Grange empower the State Master to direct the Board of Directors to review the salary structure of these offices of the State Grange, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Directors report recommendations for restructuring these salaries at the 2010 Annual Session.

**SOURCE: Committee Resolution**

**33) RE: UTILIZATION OF THE NEW ENGLAND GRANGE BUILDING (Adopted)**

WHEREAS the 2009 Connecticut State Grange Masters address call the New England Grange Building a GEM, and

WHEREAS the time of the Big-E in 2009 produced more income than any previous year from the sales at the building, and

WHEREAS Mrs. Storrow preserved some of the historic buildings slated for destruction and set up Storrowtown as a typical New England village and desired to have a Grange building at one end of the green asked her architect to design a Grange building, and

WHEREAS the architect looked at the activities of the Grange and provided a convention center design with a great hall and breakout rooms, and

WHEREAS the New England Grangers contributed to the building as a place of rest for Grangers when at the Eastern States Exposition, and

WHEREAS a contractor member of the Massachusetts officer corps was able to hire local craftsmen to put the New England Grange Building together in the summer of 1938, and

WHEREAS an insurance company estimate of replacement value of the building is now in the range of \$750,000, and

WHEREAS workers at the NEGB are expected to spend only one half the time they are on the grounds in the building, and

WHEREAS Grangers at the Big-E have a great opportunity to tell people about the wonderful activities of the Grange because more than a million people come to the Big-E

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Grange members be encouraged to participate in the NEGB activities during Big-E through reading this resolution at Grange meetings, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Grange committees be encouraged to utilize the building during the non Big-E fair times for convention type meetings, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the other five New England State Granges and asked that it be read at their annual session.

**SOURCE: Committee Resolution**

#### **34) RE: CREATING COINS CHEAPER (Adopted)**

WHEREAS it costs the US Mint 1.5 cents to create a penny – and nearly 9 cents for a nickel, and

WHEREAS with each new penny and nickel we issue, we increase the National debt by almost as much as the coin is worth, and

WHEREAS substituting a cheaper material could save up to \$100 million annually, and

WHEREAS only Congress has the power to regulate currency which means legislative efforts are necessary for a change, and

WHEREAS common sense dictates that a change needs to be made promptly regarding using a cheaper material.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange work with other organizations to investigate ways of reducing the cost of producing coinage by using alternate materials, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Legislative Committee approach our Congressional Delegation for their support.

**SOURCE: Committee Resolution**

**35) RE: "DO NOT MAIL" LIST FOR ELDERLY (Adopted)**

WHEREAS many elderly parents demand their independence to live in their own homes, and

WHEREAS these elderly are constantly receiving unwanted mailings from companies and organizations seeking donations or purchases. And

WHEREAS many elderly are targeted for buying or donating to these mailings by well-phrased ads which address many elderly concerns, Social Security, Medicare, Investments, Medications, etc., and

WHEREAS many of these elderly mailing addresses are given or sold by organizations they belong to without their permission.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange work with our legislators to develop a "DO NOT MAIL LIST" program by developing a form to be returned to the mailer, using their envelope and literature, requesting the person's name be removed from the mailing list which would allow the elderly to deal directly with the junk mail originator and allows elderly to receive those wanted mailings, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution go on to the National Grange for their support on a national "Do Not Mail List" program, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that if this program works for our elderly that it be expanded to everyone.

**SOURCE: Committee Resolution**

**36) RE: OVERSIGHT OF FARM PRODUCTS (Adopted)**

WHEREAS the Farm Safety Act, H.R. 2749 has been passed by the House of Representatives and is in committee at the Senate, and

WHEREAS this bill deals with food safety for food delivered from the producer to the customer, and

WHEREAS this bill has both good and undesirable issues for both the large farms and small farms, and

WHEREAS the good points deal with the large industrialized farms and the food coming from other countries and whose facilities have the manpower for the necessary record keeping, and

WHEREAS the undesirable issues concern mostly the smaller local farmer in that unannounced inspections and considerable record keeping are involved and he/she does not have the time, the money or the facilities needed, and

WHEREAS the regulations to implement this resolution have not been clearly defined, and

WHEREAS Representative Rosa DeLauro is coordinating with the Connecticut State Grange a similar resolution, and

WHEREAS the attending members of the Northeast Legislative & Agriculture Committees voted in the affirmative to oppose the Food Safety Act H.R. 2749 on September 27, 2009.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the policy of the Grange be that all food products on the farm, at farm stands, and farmer's markets, be under the sole oversight of the United States Department of Agriculture.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange together with a recommendation for appropriate action therein.

**SOURCE: Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee**