



VASHON - MAURY GRANGE

No. 1105



4-29-59

RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES

WHEREAS: The Toll Bridge Authority granted toll increases to a maximum of 33% to the Washington State Ferries to cover employee salary increases of about 7%, plus double time for Holidays within less than a month after adjournment of the Legislature, and;

WHEREAS: The last Legislature granted a direct subsidy of \$500,000.00 to the Washington State Ferries with the understanding there would be no toll increases necessary this year, and;

WHEREAS: These rate increases seriously effect the economy and security of thousands of daily commuters and will eventually effect the economy and security of the entire State, and;

WHEREAS: The Washington State Ferries are State owned and operated, and the public does not therefore have the protection of the Washington Department of Public Service nor the privilege of appeal to the Washington Department of Public Service, and therefore any toll or schedule change may be made at the will of the Washington State Ferries and the Toll Bridge Authority without notice and without proof that the change is justified.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Vashon-Maury Grange, #1105, meeting in regular session at Vashon on April 22, 1959, request that the Governor of the State of Washington, who is Chairman of the Toll Bridge Authority, cooperate immediately by permitting an examination of all books, all records and all operational policies of the Washington State Ferries by a committee of our selection to determine if any rate increase is necessary during this biennium.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor, each member of the Washington State Legislature, the Toll Bridge Authority, all Subordinate Granges, all Pomona Granges and to the Washington State Grange.

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