

X, Constitution of the State of Alaska as implemented by Ch. 185, SLA 1959, has submitted a recommendation relating to a boundary change which is stated on page 4, Part III, of its report to the Legislature dated February 2, 1960, and which reads as follows:

"It is the recommendation of the Boundary Commission that areas identified as numbers 2, 4, 5 and 6, be established as **unorganized boroughs** and that the remaining areas be allowed to remain as **'unenclosed areas'** or areas which are neither organized nor unorganized, and continue their present status until future action is taken." and

WHEREAS, pursuant to provisions of Section 12, Article X, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Legislature has the power to disapprove any proposed boundary change by the passage of a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members of each house;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature do and hereby does disapprove of the recommended boundary change as cited in this resolution.

Passed by the House March 11, 1960.

Passed by the Senate March 18, 1960.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

Relating to "cold weather" school buses.

Be it Resolved by the House in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, the Senate concurring:

WHEREAS, the extreme low temperatures of the Arctic winter require special winterization of passenger vehicles in order to make their use bearable and safe for passengers; and

WHEREAS, the school bus, of all passenger vehicles, is most in need of such winterization, for school buses carry our most precious possessions; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education, long realizing this special need, has required that all school buses be winterized to provide a warm ride for children even when the temperature is very low; and

WHEREAS, even with these regulations, many school buses are not equipped to provide warm transportation once the

temperature reaches 15 degrees F., and the temperature often is below that figure;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education, with the aid of the Department of Public Safety, renew its efforts to secure "cold weather" school buses for all school children, that it rigidly enforce its regulation relating to special winterization so that the private contractors who provide school bus transportation may not save dollars at the expense of the school children; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be directed to the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, and the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Passed by the House March 10, 1960.

Passed by the Senate March 22, 1960.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

Relating to the recognition of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Be it Resolved by the House in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, the Senate concurring:

WHEREAS, the Eastern Orthodox Church is one of the major faiths in the

nation and in this state; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Orthodox Church was the church that first brought the Christian Faith to Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Orthodox Church is comprised of the following branches: Bulgarian, Copt (Abyssinian),

Greek, Montenegrin, Rumanian, Russian, Serbian and Syrian; and

WHEREAS, by custom and usage it has been common practice when reference is made to the major faiths to specify them as being Protestant, Catholic and Jewish without mention of the Eastern Orthodox Church; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Orthodox Church is entitled to and should receive general public recognition as one of the major confessions in this state and should be included in all public references thereto; and

WHEREAS, it would therefore appear that a religious distinction is being made against the Eastern Orthodox Church which is contrary to the liberal spirit and democratic principles of our state and national governments;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, the Senate concurring, that the Eastern Orthodox Church be fully recognized as a major faith and that the forms of official papers of this state and all local governments thereof which refer to the major faiths and now limit to Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religions, should be changed to Protestant, Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Jewish; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that all persons writing for publication or using other media of public expression or communication in this state are hereby requested to include the Eastern Orthodox Church upon all occasions when specific reference is made to other faiths.

Passed by the House March 4, 1960.

Passed by the Senate March 12, 1960.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

Relating to a feasibility study on a state junior college program.

Be it Resolved by the House in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, the Senate concurring:

WHEREAS, it is generally recognized that there is a need for more education beyond the high school level in order to better prepare the youth of Alaska to meet the higher educational levels demanded by a technical civilization; and

WHEREAS, financial and other factors often make it difficult for qualified high school graduates to leave their home areas for a higher education; and

WHEREAS, the first two years of college or university work are the most difficult and crucial in obtaining advanced education and training; and

WHEREAS, community college programs sponsored by the University of Alaska and the Department of Education are now operative in the main population centers and could be developed into

full-fledged junior college programs;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Council be and hereby is directed to make, with the cooperation of the University of Alaska and the Department of Education, a feasibility study on extending state supported public education an additional two years beyond the grammar school and high school level by inaugurating a junior college program for those graduates of high school who graduate with records of high academic attainment and who wish to continue their education at least through the junior college level; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study include reports to the Legislative Council from the University of Alaska and the Department of Education on minimum academic standards for admission, junior college curriculum, use of public school facilities and staff, and estimated costs.

Passed by the House March 15, 1960.

Passed by the Senate March 21, 1960.