

revenue-producing measure; and

WHEREAS, the expressed, and reaffirmed, intent of Congress to vacate this tax field has not been carried out; and

WHEREAS, instead, the original Federal excise tax on gasoline has been continued and increased by 200 per cent; and

WHEREAS, the mounting Federal tax on this product threatens to preempt this legitimate tax source belonging by priority and equity to the states; and

WHEREAS, further increase in the Federal gasoline tax rate would lead to serious restriction upon the ability of the states to secure funds for needed highway improvements;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives of the First Alaska Legislature in First

Session assembled does respectfully record its opposition to any further increase in the present Federal excise tax on gasoline; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the office of the President of the United States; to the members of the United States House of Representatives; to the members of the United States Senate; to the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives; to the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the United States Senate; to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, United States Senators from the State of Alaska; and to the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, United States Representative from the State of Alaska.

Passed by the House February 17, 1959.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

Relating to the construction of DC4 type landing facility on the Lower Yukon.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives of the First Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, the area known as the Lower Yukon is served only by small air carriers on limited schedules, which leads to high freight rates, prohibitive personal transportation costs for those interested in seasonal employment elsewhere, poor mail service, frequent interruption of service due to weather conditions, and difficulties in getting emergency patients immediately to the hospital at Bethel; and

WHEREAS, the population of this area is growing rapidly, now approximating about 5,000 persons and the growth of the economy and productive utilization of this population group is slowed by such air service; and

WHEREAS, a DC4 type landing facility

in the area would eliminate such problems growing out of poor aid service and would be of benefit to the entire area; and

WHEREAS, the villages of Marshall, Fortuna Ledge, St. Mary's, Mountain Village, Alakanuk and Kwiguk or Emonak have laid aside any selfish desire to individually acquire such facilities and have joined in agreement that the best site would be half-way between St. Mary's and Mountain Village;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska that the Director of Aviation of the State of Alaska or the head of the Department succeeding to the functions of the Department of Aviation be directed to take all appropriate steps to construct a DC4 landing facility between the villages of St. Mary's and Mountain Village on the Lower Yukon at the earliest opportunity.

Passed by the House February 13, 1959.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

Relating to Alaskan participation in the World's Fair.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the

State of Alaska in First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, the State of Washington has undertaken the planning of a World's Fair to be held in the City of Seattle in 1961; and

WHEREAS, the First Legislature believes it to be in the best interests of the State of Alaska to display representative exhibits exemplifying the way of life and the products of Alaskans;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska that the Legislative Council be, and it is hereby directed to undertake a study of and make proposals and recommendations concerning the best manner and means by which an Alaskan exhibit shall be presented at the said World's Fair, which report shall be submitted to the Legislature no later than February 1, 1960.

Passed by the House February 10, 1959.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives by its unanimous action in passage of House Bill No. 16 has strongly indicated its stand in behalf of the principle of Local Hire; and

WHEREAS, current negotiations between organized labor and the construction industry are at a stalemate over a

labor proposal for contracts embodying the aforesaid principle of local Hire;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska that the Alaska Chapter of the Associated General Contractors and the Alaska State Federation of Labor are respectfully urged to resume negotiations and work with diligence toward implementing the principle of "Alaskan workers for Alaskan jobs".

Passed by the House February 27, 1959.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

Relating to the construction of school house at a suitable location in the Daniels Lake-Swanson River area, north of Kenai.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska in the First Legislature, First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, the area known locally as the North Kenai Area, is growing and expanding rapidly, has had and is having an influx of homesteaders and commercial fishermen, is within a few miles of the newly discovered "Swanson River oil field"; and

WHEREAS, the number of school children in this area has grown in the past three years from zero to between fifty and a hundred and is still increasing; and

WHEREAS, the distance it would be necessary to transport the children in this area by bus to Kenai is between twenty-five and thirty-five miles, which is too far to transport small children;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, First Session assembled, that immediate steps be taken to choose a suitable site for a school building and that construction of a school building be started at the earliest possible date; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska, and to the office of the Commissioner of Education.

Passed by the House March 14, 1959.