

Senate Joint Resolutions

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Relating to expressing on behalf of the People of Alaska their sincere wish that the Honorable Victor C. Rivers, last President of the Senate of the Territory of Alaska speedily recover from his illness;

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

WHEREAS, the Honorable Victor C. Rivers is presently suffering from a painful illness, far from home and friends and far from the scene of Alaskan government, where he served so many years in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rivers was the last President of the Senate of the Territory of Alaska and one of the most active and energetic participants in the struggle to achieve statehood, serving on the Statehood Committee and in the Constitutional Convention, lending his time and devotion to the cause; and

WHEREAS, Victor Rivers was for many years a member of the Legislature of the Territory, joining the Senate in 1937, and serving in that body for three terms, culminating in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rivers is a member of one of the most respected and

well-known pioneer families in the State, as well as a successful and honored member of the engineering profession, both of which have lent to his prominence;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the State of Alaska does hereby express on behalf of the People of Alaska the heartfelt hope that the Honorable Victor C. Rivers, President of the Senate of the last Legislature of the Territory, will speedily recover from his illness and return to his family and friends; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution do also serve as an expression of gratitude of the People of Alaska to Victor Rivers for his many years of public service and wholehearted devotion to the best interests of his people, his State, and his Nation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House certify to and the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House attest the adoption hereof, and that the same be thereafter suitably engrossed and transmitted to the Honorable Victor C. Rivers, President of the Senate of the Territory of Alaska.

Passed by the Senate January 26, 1959.

Passed by the House February 5, 1959.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Relating to the need for hospital medical care for all Alaskans and the need for continuance of local community hospitals.

Be it Resolved by the First Alaskan Legislature in the First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, Alaska and the other forty-eight states suffered a shortage of hospital facilities in smaller communities for many years; and

WHEREAS, the government of the

United States joined the governments of the states and territories in encouraging local communities to build hospital facilities by offering financial inducements for construction of hospitals which complied with certain requirements; and

WHEREAS, among other requirements, these hospital facilities were to be available to all the people in their respective communities, including the native Indian, Eskimo and Aleut peoples of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, although it is the an-

nounced policy of the Alaska Native Health Service and the Division of Indian Health of the United States Public Health Service to support local medical facilities by increasing the contractual medical services to be performed in local communities, the federal government's expansion of its own facilities and services in Alaska has created the following situation:

1. Native people in communities which have local hospitals are sometimes transported hundreds of miles from their homes to government hospitals for treatment which could be obtained in their home community.
2. Local community hospitals, although built to serve all the people in their respective area, find that their potential clientele is restricted to only a portion of the local population.
3. This reduction of use of local hospital facilities necessarily results in reduction of service and in some cases in the ultimate closing of the facility to the great detriment of the community; and

WHEREAS, adequate medical and hospital service should be immediately available to all the people in a given community on equal terms, without discrimination on grounds of race, creed

or color;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this First Legislature of the State of Alaska urge the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, through the United States Public Health Service and the Division of Indian Health, the Alaska Hospital Association and the Alaska Medical Association to intensify their efforts in making arrangements whereby beneficiaries of the Alaska Native Health Service, may receive to the fullest extent possible medical and hospital care in their own communities, thereby assuring the survival of necessary local medical facilities and services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be mailed to the Area Director, Alaska Native Health Service; the Secretary, Alaska Medical Association; the Secretary, Alaska Hospital Association; the Director, Division of Indian Health, United States Public Health Service; The Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service; the Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Honorable E. L. Bartlett, United States Senator from Alaska; Honorable Ernest Gruening, United States Senator from Alaska and Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Congressman from Alaska.

Passed by the Senate February 5, 1959.
Passed by the House February 13, 1959.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Relating to extending greetings to former Acting Governor Waino E. Hendrickson.

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

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Legislature that the Honorable Waino E. Hendrickson has undergone medical treatment at Portland, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, former Acting Governor Hendrickson is a former member of the Alaska Legislature and has recently completed a distinguished record of public service at the last chief executive of the Territory of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, former Acting Governor Hendrickson is well-known and held in high esteem by his fellow Alaskans for his personal attributes and his contribution to the orderly growth of Alaska as it moved towards statehood;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska does hereby extend its heartiest greetings and sincere best wishes to former Acting Governor and Mrs. Hendrickson for his speedy recovery; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to former Acting Governor and Mrs. Hendrickson.

Passed by the Senate February 20, 1959.
Passed by the House February 23, 1959