

Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

Relating to expressing on behalf of the People of Alaska to the Honorable William A. "Bill" Egan, Governor of the State of Alaska, the profound and universal hope that he speedily recover from his unfortunate and untimely illness.

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

WHEREAS, the Honorable William A. "Bill" Egan, Governor of the State of Alaska, is at the moment of the convening of the first State Legislature, far from his office, home and friends in Alaska, suffering the painful effects of a series of major operations; and

WHEREAS, Governor Egan has, over the years, been at the forefront of the battle for Alaskan Statehood, only recently successfully concluded, which success is due in large part to his own efforts and which success makes his absence from the scene of State government particularly improvident; and

WHEREAS, the Governor himself served many years in both the Senate and House of the Territorial Legislature of Alaska, having been Speaker of the House of Representatives and had, during this period of selfless devotion to the People of his State, endeared himself to all who have known him and worked with him; and

WHEREAS, his devotion to duty, his love of the common man, his ability, integrity and honor make him beloved by all and make his illness a personal

grievance for all;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the State of Alaska, in First Session assembled, does hereby express on behalf of the People of Alaska the sincerest hope that the Honorable William A. Egan, first Governor of the State of Alaska, will speedily recover from his painful illness and return to his home and friends as quickly as God, in His divine mercy, does permit; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution do also serve as an expression of sincere best wishes of the friends and colleagues of the Governor in the Legislature who join with all in praying for his rapid return to health and whose intimate knowledge of his character and qualities and their prayer for his recovery a personal one; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Senate certify to and the Secretary of the Senate attest the adoption hereof and that the same be thereafter suitably engrossed and transmitted to the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of the State of Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that expression also be made of our great admiration for his wife, Neva, and her son Dennis, who have in this difficult time displayed those qualities of courage and strength traditionally associated with Alaska.

Passed by the Senate January 26, 1959.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

Relating to commending the Governor of Alaska for his action in refusing to issue fish trap licenses for the current year and requesting that he take all steps necessary to carry out the mandate of the people that fish traps be prohibited.

Be it Resolved by the Senate, First Alaska Legislature, in First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Alaska, in one of his official actions, prohibited the issuance of any licenses

for the operation of commercial fish traps in any of the coastal waters of the State; and

WHEREAS, by so doing, the Governor manifested the overwhelming majority will of the people of Alaska as evidenced by the referendum adopting Constitutional Ordinance No. 3, abolishing the said fish traps and Chapter 154, Session Laws of Alaska, 1955; and

WHEREAS, the necessity of relieving the economic distress among individual fishermen and those dependent upon them for livelihood dictate all speed in carrying out and upholding the provisions of Ordinance No. 3 and Chapter 154;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governor of Alaska be and he is hereby commended and applauded by the Senate of the First Alaska Legislature, on behalf of the people of this State, for his action in prohibiting the issuance of commercial fish trap licenses for the current year; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor of Alaska be and he is hereby respectfully requested to take all action, executive or otherwise, within his power to implement and completely establish the prohibition against commercial fish traps.

Passed by the Senate February 2, 1959.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

Be it Resolved by the Senate of the State of Alaska:

WHEREAS, in the General Election held throughout the Territory of Alaska on November 25, 1958, a contest arose over the election of a member of the Senate from the Ketchikan-Prince of Wales Senate District; and

WHEREAS, acting under the authority of Article II, Section 12, of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Senate has found, determined and judged W. O.

Smith of Ketchikan, Alaska, to have been duly elected by the majority of voters of Senate District B as a member of the Senate therefrom;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate does hereby certify the election of W. O. Smith as a member of the Senate from the Ketchikan-Prince of Wales Senate District and that this resolution shall constitute a certificate of election of the said W. O. Smith.

Passed by the Senate February 5, 1959.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

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

Be it Resolved by the Senate 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 air 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 lain 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 Senate of the State of Alaska