

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

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 vil-

lages of St. Mary's and Mountain Village on the Lower Yukon at the earliest opportunity.

Passed by the Senate February 24, 1959.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

Relating to expressing appreciation and gratitude to members of the First Territorial Legislature.

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

WHEREAS, the Honorable E. B. Collins, the Honorable Charles Jones and the Honorable Henry Roden, residents of the State of Alaska, were all members of the First Alaskan Territorial Legislature which marked the beginning of a limited form of self-government for Alaska and paved the way for eventual statehood; and

WHEREAS, these three surviving members of that first legislature have been and are devoted Alaska citizens, each having spent much time in the elective public service to the credit of

the Territory and the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Senate of the First State Legislature look with respect and appreciation to these true pioneers of the First Territorial Legislature and their departed colleagues;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the State of Alaska does hereby express on behalf of the people of Alaska its genuine and heartfelt gratitude to Messrs. E. B. Collins of Fairbanks, Charles Jones of Nome and Henry Roden of Juneau for their fine service to Alaska and wishes each good health and many years of prosperity and reward under statehood.

Passed by the Senate February 10, 1959.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

Relating to the study on state support for schools.

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

WHEREAS, it is the manifested wish of the people of Alaska to maintain and further develop a sound system of public education; and

WHEREAS, for the past several years territorial and state support of the public school system has consumed between 40% and 50% of the General Fund revenues of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the people of Alaska as expressed through the legislative and executive branches of government that state support of the public school system be established on a realistic basis in line with the resources of the state and its other obligations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in the First Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Legislative Council be and hereby is directed to assume full responsibility for developing a comprehensive study of the various state programs for the support of public schools and to submit such report along with its recommendations and suggested legislation to the First Session of the Second State Legislature; and be it.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education, the University of Alaska and the Governor's budget officer be and hereby are directed to give maximum cooperation and support to the Legislative Council in fulfilling this assignment by providing such additional staff support, materials, statistics and facilities as may be required.

Passed by the Senate February 21, 1959.