

sentatives of the Congress, and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress are respectfully urged to review this action by the former Secretary of the Interior and utilize proper administrative and legislative procedures regarding an Arctic Wild-

life Range which will protect the people of Alaska in the development and enjoyment of their natural resources.

Passed by the House February 27, 1961.

Passed by the Senate March 10, 1961.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

Relating to hospitalization for Alaska and Hawaii veterans for non-service connected disabilities.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, bills have again been introduced in both houses of Congress by the Alaska delegation to restore to veterans in Alaska and Hawaii the right to hospital treatment for non-service connected disabilities; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of S. 801 and H.R. 2923 to place Alaskan and Hawaiian veterans on an equal footing with veterans of the other states who have comparatively easy access to veterans' hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Alaskan and Hawaiian veterans requiring emergency hospitalization are not now authorized to obtain this care

near their homes but must be flown hundreds of miles to the nearest veterans' hospital in the United States proper;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session assembled that Congress is respectfully urged to take favorable action this year on either S. 801 or H.R. 2923 in order that Alaskan and Hawaiian veterans may receive needed hospitalization under Veterans' Administration contracts with hospitals located in their respective states; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House February 23, 1961.

Passed by the Senate February 28, 1961.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

Relating to a request urging competitive bidding for the surface mail transportation contract between Seward and Nikol-ski and urging the enlargement of this route to include Seattle.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, the well-being and standard of living of the people in the villages on Kodiak Island, the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Islands and the future development and progress of this part of the state is absolutely dependent on its water transportation and communication systems; and

WHEREAS, it appears from numerous sources (Postmaster General's report, June 9, 1939; Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, Report No. 955, July 26,

1939; Calendar No. 997; and the Congressional Record, Vol. 84, Part 10, p. 10963) that in awarding postal contracts the ability of the carrier to provide adequate passenger and freight service is an extremely important consideration; and

WHEREAS, the people served by the present Seward-Nikolski mail ship are not satisfied with their mail, passenger and freight service as is apparent from petitions made by ten communities in the area; and

WHEREAS, freight has been delayed as long as three months because of the small size and slow speed of the present ship; and

WHEREAS, the present ship lacks adequate facilities to transport products requiring refrigeration; and