

agencies, and the convenience of any government should never be placed before the welfare of the people from which all legitimate government springs and in which all legitimate powers of government rest; and

WHEREAS, former Secretary of the Interior Seaton promised the people of Barrow that he would do all possible to supply them with natural gas; that his department was not opposed to such a move; that only technical, legal difficulties stood in the way of such a move; and that if these difficulties could not be solved administratively he would "initiate legislation making the gas available to the Barrow Eskimos";

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Interior are respectfully

urged to take appropriate action at the earliest possible date to make the natural gas supply at Barrow available to the people of that community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States; the Honorable Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Robert MacNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Lyndon Johnson, President of the Senate; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska.

Passed by the House February 6, 1961.

Passed by the Senate February 10, 1961.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Relating to legislation concerning domestic gold.

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

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced into the United States House of Representatives which would direct the United States Treasury to pay \$70 per fine ounce for newly mined domestic gold and would require that the Treasury charge \$70 per fine ounce on the sale of gold for domestic, industrial, professional and artistic use; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would encourage and stimulate the domestic gold production industry of Alaska and other mining areas of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the legislation affects only domestic production and will not disturb or unsettle the international monetary relationships of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the prosperity of the entire country depends in large part on the successful utilization of our great natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the present decline in United States gold production results from many factors, including the fixed gold price of

\$35 an ounce; and

WHEREAS, the revival of the Alaska and the national gold industry could benefit the entire country and could serve as an aid in halting the loss of national gold reserves;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the United States Congress is respectfully urged to take favorable action on H.R. 2573, raising the price of domestic gold, as introduced by Representative Ralph J. Rivers; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States; the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the Senate; the Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives; to the chairmen of the Banking and Currency, Interior and Insular Affairs, and Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committees of the United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska.

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