

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Governor of the State of Alaska urge the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works to construct a bush airfield in Nulato and Wainwright and to lengthen and resurface with

gravel the airfield at Koyukuk; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that funds be provided for this construction from the bush airfield bond issue ratified by the people of Alaska in the November 1960 election.

Passed by the House February 25, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

Relating to the construction of a bridge across the Kenai River.

Be It Resolved by the House in Second Legislature, First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, a bridge across the Kenai River is needed for the development of the industrial area along the Kenai River and to connect the City of Kenai with the Libby Cannery, the Union Oil gas well, homesteaders, and beach and small home-sites; and

WHEREAS, the bridge would not be inordinately expensive and could be paid for out of tolls on the users; and

WHEREAS, its construction would eliminate many miles of travel between the City of Kenai and the aforementioned industrial and home sites;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Department of Public Works undertake the necessary program to provide for the construction of a bridge across the Kenai River at a site approximately south of the Alaska Aggregate Installation off the Loop Road and adjacent to the Army Bulkhead.

Passed by the House March 9, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16

Relating to the construction of a school at Sterling, Alaska.

Be It Resolved by the House in Second Legislature, First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, a general diffusion of knowledge is essential to the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature encourages the promotion of intellectual and scientific improvement through the public schools; and

WHEREAS, adequate physical and material facilities are necessary before these purposes can be realized; and

WHEREAS, the number of school age children are increasing at Sterling, Alaska,

and the present classroom space is insufficient for the education of these children; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Sterling, Alaska, informed the state Department of Education of their needs and statistically substantiated their claims for additional classroom space;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Governor is respectfully requested to urge the Commissioner of the Department of Education to construct a new two-room school building with adequate utility installations which could be utilized in the event of a need for expansion.

Passed by the House March 9, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

Relating to the construction of bush airfields.

Be It Resolved by the House in Second

Legislature, First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, the development of Alaska and the well-being of its population are

greatly dependent on air transportation; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska, realizing the importance of air transportation, voted in the November 1960 election to issue \$1,500,000 in general obligation bonds to finance the construction of bush airfields; and

WHEREAS, the population in the area of the lower Kuskokwim River and the Kuskokwim Bay is growing rapidly, but the productive utilization of its population and the growth of the economy is slowed by the lack of air transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the lack of these facilities results in difficulty in shipping freight, poor mail service and unsatisfactory personal transportation, especially in transporting emergency patients quickly to the hospital in Bethel; and

WHEREAS, the people in this area con-

sider that the construction of bush airfields is the most important public works project applicable to their region; and

WHEREAS, during the fall and spring months the only means of transportation in or out of the following communities is by air:

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second Legislature, First Session assembled that the Governor of the State of Alaska urge the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works to construct bush airfields in the following communities: Kwinhagak, Nunapitchuk, Tanunak, Kwigillingok, and Goodnews; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that funds be provided for this construction from the bush airfield bond issue ratified by the people of Alaska in the November 1960 election.

Passed by the House March 21, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18

Relating to highway construction in Alaska.

Be It Resolved by the House in Second Legislature, First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, Alaska is the only state in the Union which has been excluded from the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways; and

WHEREAS, until 1956 Alaska was totally excluded from federal highway legislation and is even now included on a reduced basis; and

WHEREAS, as a result of past neglect and discrimination on the part of the federal government, Alaska now has a wholly inadequate road net; and

WHEREAS, the nation can derive no benefit from the infinitely rich and varied resources of Alaska without adequate roads to provide access to them; and

WHEREAS, defense is hampered and the nation imperiled by the absence of

transportation routes in a most important part of the continent;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second Legislature, First Session assembled that the Congress of the United States be respectfully urged to appropriate an additional sum of not less than \$15 million a year for twenty years for the development of highways in Alaska; 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 Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Rex M. Whitten, Administrator of the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Commerce; 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 28, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19

Relating to the construction of a snow shed at Mile 39, Glenn Highway.

Be It Resolved by the House in Second Legislature, First Session assembled: