

WHEREAS, there exists an extremely hazardous condition at Mile 39 on the Glenn Highway where snow slides frequently block the highway; and

WHEREAS, this danger is further accentuated by the fact that the slide occurs on a blind corner alongside the Knik River; and

WHEREAS, this particular section of road is used twice daily during the danger period by a loaded school bus as well as milk trucks, bread trucks and other perishable carriers, and is heavily traveled by commuter traffic; and

WHEREAS, the delay caused by such a slide could be of serious consequence in

the event of an evacuation of the Anchorage area by the military; and

WHEREAS, the saving in annual costs of clearing the slide area would pay for the costs of erecting a suitable snow shed;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Governor is respectfully urged to direct the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works to construct a snow shed at Mile 39 on the Glenn Highway in order to prevent the inevitable loss of life and property that is bound to occur if such steps are not taken.

Passed by the House February 28, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

Relating to the construction of a highway between North Kenai and Hope and its connection with the proposed Turnagain Arm Causeway.

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

WHEREAS, the highway now being constructed between North Kenai and Hope on the Kenai Peninsula is both a logical necessity and a rational project; and

WHEREAS, the highway will be a boon to industrial development, especially in oil and gas, will serve as an evacuation route from the congested Anchorage area, and assist and facilitate the distribution

of oil and gas from the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the highway and the proposed Turnagain Arm Causeway will open new lands to homesteaders and purchasers, provide access to fishing sites and stimulate the fishing industry;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Department of Public Works complete the construction of the highway between North Kenai and Hope as soon as possible, and plan for its juncture with the proposed Turnagain Arm Causeway.

Passed by the House April 3, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

Relating to the length of salmon seine vessels in the Southeastern Alaska and Prince William Sound areas.

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

WHEREAS, commercial fishing for salmon represents a basic segment of the economy of Southeastern Alaska and the Prince William Sound areas; and

WHEREAS, the salmon resources in recent years have suffered a severe decline resulting in economic deprivations in both Southeastern Alaska and the Prince William Sound areas; and

WHEREAS, one of the reasons for the decline in the salmon resource has been the use of a greater amount of more efficient fishing gear; and

WHEREAS, during the past 30 years seine boats fishing in these areas have been restricted by regulation to 50-foot keel length measurements; and

WHEREAS, by technical manipulations some salmon seine vessels are now attempting to circumvent the intent of the present regulations relative to boat length;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second Legislature,

First Session assembled, that the Board of Fish and Game is urged to promulgate regulations providing that salmon seine vessels fishing in the Southeastern Alaska and Prince William Sound areas be limited to those documented vessels listed in the

Bureau of Customs publication "Merchant Vessels of the United States," 1959 edition, as having an official length of 50 feet, but an overall length not exceeding 58 feet.

Passed by the House March 16, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

Relating to the dredging of the Tanana River at Nenana.

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

WHEREAS, the Tanana River is one of the most heavily trafficked waterways in interior Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the town of Nenana is a principal railhead on the Tanana River where vital military cargo and highly important civilian supplies for trading and mining centers are transferred from rail to water; and

WHEREAS, the natural action of the Tanana River in recent years has caused deposits of silt to collect near the harbor facilities in Nenana, making the loading and unloading of cargo more and more difficult; and

WHEREAS, it is extremely important to both the defense and economy of Alaska that the harbor at Nenana be kept open for cargo transfer; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is charged with the function of dredging and maintaining the proper depth of harbors;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is urged to take the proper steps, in the spring of 1961, necessary to remove and dredge out all accumulated deposits of silt from the harbor at Nenana, and to restore the harbor to its former depth and moorage area; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed to the Honorable Elvis J. Stahr, Secretary of the Army; the Honorable Christian Hanburger, District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army; 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 April 3, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24

Relating to the town of Eagle.

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

WHEREAS, Eagle is an Alaska community wherein is located a U. S. Customs office, located on the banks of the Yukon River; and

WHEREAS, the Yukon River through erosion has been undermining the banks where the town of Eagle abuts the river; and

WHEREAS, the action of the Yukon River is endangering commercial ware-

houses, resident homes, boat landing facilities, and a church and parish hall; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is charged with the function of controlling the dangers caused by river erosion;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is urged to take the proper steps in the spring of 1961 to survey and correct the condition at Eagle, caused by the erosion of the Yukon River.

Passed by the House April 3, 1961.