

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

**Relating to the preservation of the bottom fishing industry of the north Pacific coast of the United States.**

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

WHEREAS, the bottom fishing industry of the northwestern United States is not only the source of livelihood for many thousands of fishermen and shore workers on all coasts of this country, but also a source of an enormous and increasingly essential food supply for the entire nation; and

WHEREAS, American fishermen have continuously and voluntarily used bottom fishing gear which, while taking sufficient fish, provides a certain quota of escapement commensurate with sound conservation practices; and

WHEREAS, powerful fishing fleets from abroad are seriously threatening the bottom fisheries of the north Pacific coast of the United States through the use of so-called tangle nets and otter trawls, which provide for very restricted escapement, and are highly destructive to under-size and female crabs which do escape or are discarded; and

WHEREAS, continued incursions by foreign fleets using tangle nets and otter trawls in large and uncontrolled numbers may well decimate the bottom fisheries industry in spite of American attempts to preserve it;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the federal government is urged to take immediate steps through international negotiation to preserve the bottom fishing industry of the north Pacific coast of the United States and, in particular, to limit the gear permissible for bottom fishing; 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 Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Milton E. Brooding, Chairman of the American Section of the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and to the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska.

Passed by the Senate March 9, 1961.

Passed by the House March 31, 1961.

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

**Relating to support for the conveyance of a homestead site to the widow of the late Senator William E. Beltz.**

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Alaska has this session expressed, through Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, its sorrow at the death of its late esteemed member and President of the Senate, William E. Beltz; and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of the Legislature that the work of this outstanding Alaskan on his homestead site not be lost to the detriment of his wife and children; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Ernest Gruening, United States Senator from Alaska,

has introduced a bill in the Senate to convey the homestead site at Unalakleet to Mrs. William E. Beltz; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Alaska Legislature consider this proposed conveyance a fitting and proper recognition of the services of the late Senator William E. Beltz to his state and the nation;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Congress is respectfully urged to give favorable consideration to S. 1065 both in honor of the late Senator William E. Beltz and to protect the future of his widow and children; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Clinton P. Anderson, chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular

Affairs; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; and the mem-

bers of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate March 9, 1961.

Passed by the House March 13, 1961.

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

**Relating to amendment of the Kennedy-Saltonstall Act.**

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

WHEREAS, an effective program of research and development of domestic fisheries resources is of fundamental importance to Alaska as well as many other states; and

WHEREAS, the Kennedy-Saltonstall Act (P.L. 466, 83rd Congress) as amended by the Fish and Wildlife Service Act of 1956, was designed, through the use of federal funds, to promote the free flow of domestically produced fishery products in commerce and to conduct biological, technological, or other research pertaining to American fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the conduct of biological, technological, or other research pertaining to the management of the fisheries should be delegated to the states which have the responsibility for the management of their respective fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the states have a nucleus of qualified, competent personnel to handle their fishery research problems but have been limited in their activities by lack of finances; and

WHEREAS, the Kennedy-Saltonstall Act does not presently insure state commercial fisheries research participation on a continuing basis; and

WHEREAS, under the Pittman-Robertson (50 Stat. 917) and Dingell-Johnson (64 Stat. 430) programs, whereby federal funds are given directly to the states, which have the responsibility for the management of the fish and game recreational resources, a successful precedent has been established for cooperation on domestic fisheries research;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Congress is urged to amend the Kennedy-Saltonstall Act, as amended, to provide that a percentage of the monies accruing under the Kennedy-Saltonstall Act be apportioned to the states on an equitable formula basis; 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 Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; and the Alaska delegation to Congress.

Passed by the Senate March 10, 1961.

Passed by the House March 16, 1961.

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

**Relating to the construction of the proposed Resurrection River Valley Highway and urging that construction of same be given a high priority in the overall planning and development of the Alaska Forest Highway Program.**

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

WHEREAS, the proposed Resurrection River Valley Highway Route, extending from Mile 3 on the Seward-Moose Pass Highway to the vicinity of Mile 56 on the

Sterling Highway, could effect a saving of approximately 25 miles in the one-way driving distance between the ice-free and deep-water seaport city of Seward and the Swanson River oil and gas fields; and

WHEREAS, such a substantial reduction in driving distance would provide a much quicker and more economical means for the transportation of freight and supplies from the ice-free port of Seward to the Kenai area and the adjacent Swanson River oil and gas fields than is presently afforded by the circuitous route through Moose Pass; and