

campus is well-established and centrally located geographically in the state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government is respectfully urged to take the steps necessary for the establishment of a mineral research laboratory on the campus of the University of Alaska, which can be appropriately and beneficially used by the federal government and other interested agencies; 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 William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Stew-

art L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture; the Honorable Jerome B. Wiesner, President's Scientific Advisor and Director of the Office of Science and Technology; the Honorable Marling J. Ankeny, Director of the U. S. Bureau of Mines; the Honorable Thomas Nolan, Director of the U. S. Geological Survey; the Honorable Edward P. Cliff, Chief Forester; the Honorable Burke Riley, Chairman, Alaska Field Committee of the Department of Interior; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House March 20, 1963.

Passed by the Senate March 30, 1963.

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

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

**Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

WHEREAS the contract for the Seward-Nikolski mail boat service will expire on June 30, 1963; and

WHEREAS the well-being and standard of living of the people of Kodiak, the Alaska Peninsula, and the Aleutian Islands, and the future development and progress of this part of the state are 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 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 re-

quiring refrigeration; and

WHEREAS present passenger accommodations are grossly inadequate, particularly for women and children; and

WHEREAS the people on the Seward-Nikolski mail route believe that their interests and the interests of the U. S. Post Office Department could be better served by a much faster, larger, and partially refrigerated ship operating between Seattle, Seward, and Nikolski; and

WHEREAS the Seward-Nikolski mail contract has been extended in the past without the benefit of competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS competitive bidding for mail contracts with due consideration given to the ability of the bidders to provide adequate passenger and freight service has proven to be in the best public interest;

BE IT RESOLVED that the U. S. Post Office Department be respectfully urged to allow competitive bidding for the surface mail contract between Seward and Nikolski, and that this route be enlarged to include Seattle; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Postmaster General of the United States; the Regional Director, U. S. Post Office Department, Portland, Oregon; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House March 20, 1963.

Passed by the Senate April 4, 1963.