

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

Relating to medical and dental care on an at-cost basis for people in remote areas.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS the health of the men, women, and children living in remote areas far away from private health services available only in the cities is a concern of the Nation and state; and

WHEREAS in Alaska the Public Health Service is providing excellent medical and dental care to groups eligible under federal programs for this care; and

WHEREAS there is a considerable number of residents in remote areas who are not eligible for Public Health Service care, who must either do without the service or

make long and expensive trips to the distant cities at a cost prohibitive for most people and usually involving more expense than the medical or dental treatment needed; and

WHEREAS these people have expressed a willingness to pay the cost of needed treatment by Public Health Service personnel working near their homes;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska delegation in Congress is earnestly requested to discuss with the Surgeon General the possibility of an at-cost medical and dental service program for inhabitants of remote areas who are not otherwise eligible for free Public Health Service care.

Passed by the Senate March 16, 1963.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

Relating to an accelerated federal public works program for community water and sewerage facilities.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS Alaska is well known for its scenic beauty, its interesting Eskimo, Indian, and Aleut cultures, and its historic lore of gold, furs, and game; and

WHEREAS there are serious and chronic labor surpluses in such important areas as Nome, Dillingham, Kenai, Yakutat, and similar areas; and

WHEREAS every effort is being made locally and on a statewide basis to develop and establish a substantial tourist industry, which will materially help economy and alleviate unemployment problems to a significant degree; and

WHEREAS community water supply and waste disposal facilities are essential to the construction of tourist accommodations and to sound development of the Alaska tourist industry; and

WHEREAS community water supply and waste disposal facilities do not now exist in communities such as Nome, Dillingham, Kenai, and Yakutat, which are critical in development of the Alaska tourist indus-

try; and

WHEREAS the United States Congress has authorized an accelerated public works program designed to alleviate unemployment problems in critical work-short areas and to provide facilities designed to permanently improve the economy in such critical areas; and

WHEREAS communities such as Nome, Dillingham, Kenai, and Yakutat have qualified for federal assistance under the accelerated public works program and have agreed to obligate themselves to the maximum limit possible in an effort to provide employment in construction projects, which would provide permanent improvement to the economic status of the communities, the state, and the Nation; and

WHEREAS it is urgent that these accelerated public works projects be instituted at the earliest time possible;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, the Honorable Ernest Gruening, and the Honorable Ralph Rivers are respectfully urged to take every action possible to secure appropriation of the remaining authorized accelerated public work funds; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Honorable Luther Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare; and the Honorable Robert C. Weaver, Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency, are respectfully

urged to give favorable consideration and action in instituting the construction of water and sewage works necessary to implementation of the tourist industry in Alaska.

Passed by the Senate March 22, 1963.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

Relating to the restoration of medical care to owner-operators of fishing vessels and self-employed seamen under federal law.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS S. 978 has been introduced and referred to the Senate Commerce Committee to restore medical benefits to owner-operators of fishing vessels and other self-employed seamen; and

WHEREAS the proposed legislation seeks to restore medical benefits to working owners and working part-owners who have been deprived by administrative ruling of medical care in Public Health Service Hospitals and other facilities since 1954; and

WHEREAS it is only equitable that medical benefits be restored to this segment of the maritime force in recognition of the vital role it plays in the Nation's oldest in-

dustry;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress is respectfully urged to give favorable consideration to the proposal to restore medical care benefits to owner-operators of fishing vessels and self-employed seamen as an equitable action and a forward step towards the revival of the Nation's maritime industry; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman, Senate Commerce Committee; the Honorable Herbert Bonner, Chairman, House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate March 15, 1963.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32

Relating to the state income from the sale of fur seal pelts.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS fur seal pelts will not be processed in Alaska thereby depriving the state and its citizens of much needed revenue; and

WHEREAS the fur seal are an Alaskan resource which the state has helped to preserve; and

WHEREAS those persons outside of Alaska will receive greater economic benefits than Alaskans who depend upon Alas-

ka's resources for their livelihood; and

WHEREAS the federal government will also realize substantial revenue by receiving 30 per cent of the net proceeds from the sale of pelts of fur seal; and

WHEREAS Alaska, which lacks many sources of revenue available to most other states, would like to realize more benefit from its own resources;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative from Alaska, are respectfully urged to make appropriate representi-