

American Congress, May 16-18, 1963; and

WHEREAS the most direct route connecting the State of Alaska to the Pan American Highway is the Okanagan-Cariboo Trail which begins at Osoyoos, British Columbia, and continues on the present Route 97 to Fairbanks, and will eventually be connected with Nome; and

WHEREAS the projected route becomes the logical highway to be used to defend the entire western hemisphere; and

WHEREAS the Okanagan-Cariboo Trail and the present Route 97 were favorably considered at the last Pan American Highway Congress;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pan American Highway Congress is respectfully urged to act favorably upon designation of the North-South Highway System and designating the Okanagan-Cariboo Trail as the route that will be used; and be

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Rex M. Whitton, Federal Highway Administrator and Chairman of the Pan American Congress; to member countries of the Pan American Congress; and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate March 30, 1963.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56

Relating to encouraging Congress to take favorable action upon a request by the director of the Bureau of Mines for funds to carry on a mineral resource study

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for resource development in the Nation, and especially in Alaska; and

WHEREAS studies of the kind necessary to determine the amount and the nature of Alaska's resources have never been made; and

WHEREAS a step-up in the studies of Alaska's resources is necessary because of the planned construction of the Rampart Canyon Dam on the Yukon River, which has created a demand for knowledge of resources in the area of the hydroelectric plant; and

WHEREAS Marling Ankeny, Director of the Federal Bureau of Mines, has asked

that funds be made available for these mineral resource studies, which will begin July 1, 1963;

BE IT RESOLVED that Congress is respectfully urged to take favorable action on the Bureau's request, so that the full resource potential of Alaska may be developed; 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 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 Clarence Cannon, Chairman, House Committee on Appropriations; the Honorable Carl Hayden, Chairman, Senate Committee on Appropriations; the Honorable Marling Ankeny, Director, Bureau of Mines; and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate March 30, 1963.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57

Relating to the need for remedial action in connection with Alaska's air transportation problems.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS the State of Alaska encompasses an area one-fifth the size of the older 48 states; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska with approximately 5,000 miles of road within its boundaries is dependent on air service for the prompt dispatch of its inter- and intra-state mail, for travel inside and outside the state, and for the transportation of freight, items of food and clothing, and building materials and such; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska is an

area as wide and as deep as the 48 states, stretching 2,700 miles from east to west, and 1,400 miles from north to south, and extending into the Eastern Hemisphere and into the Arctic; and

WHEREAS air carriers supply virtually the only transportation for people and airmail between the 48 states and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on intra-Alaska routes, the intent of the Civil Aeronautics Board seems to be to curtail service, leaving many communities with no transportation at all;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska strongly objects to the curtailing of air service to Alaska and respectfully urges that the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States, appoint an Alaskan to the next

vacancy on the Board in order to facilitate a better understanding of Alaska's air needs; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed to the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States; 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 Oren Harris, Chairman, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and the members of the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Passed by the Senate April 4, 1963.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 58

Relating to medical care for persons employed or engaged on vessels.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS the right to medical care of operators of vessels and self-employed seamen under federal law has been denied by administrative ruling; and

WHEREAS the restoration of these federal medical care rights has been proposed by the U. S. Representative from Alaska, the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, through the introduction of H.R. 2108; and

WHEREAS the restoration of this right is not only equitable but essential to the revival of the vital maritime industry;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress is urged to approve the restoration of medical care rights to owner-operators of vessels and self-employed seamen by the passage of H.R. 2108; 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 of the Senate Commerce Committee; the Honorable Herbert Bonner, Chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate April 4, 1963.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

Relating to the construction of a proper post office facility at Yakutat.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS the post office facility at Yakutat is intended to serve 1600 people; and

WHEREAS the existing post office facil-

ity is 12 by 16 feet in dimension, has a leaking roof, and is otherwise in a dilapidated condition; and

WHEREAS the people of Yakutat deserve and require a post office facility which can properly serve Yakutat and the surrounding area;

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of