

House Concurrent Resolutions

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Relating to holding the Winter Olympic Games in 1971 at Mt. Alyeska.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

WHEREAS, the success of the Olympic Ski Trials held at Mt. Alyeska in 1963 demonstrated the suitability of the mountain and the facilities there for expert skiing events; and

WHEREAS, the central location of Anchorage, its ready accessibility by air from all parts of the globe, its many fine restaurants, hotels, and inns, and its excellent winter climate all recommend it as a place eminently suited as a center for winter sporting competitions; and

WHEREAS, it would be enormously ben-

eficial to the future development of the state to focus the attention of the world on the enormous skiing potential found in the state; and

WHEREAS, the flow of competitors and visitors to the state for an event of the significance of the 1971 Winter Olympic Games would be of great economic importance to the whole state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Travel Division of the Department of Economic Development and Planning is urged to take every possible action to ensure that maximum consideration is given by the authorities responsible for choosing the location of the Winter Olympics to holding them at Mt. Alyeska, Alaska.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Directing the Legislative Council to study and report on the office space needs of state agencies.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

WHEREAS the housing of state agencies at the capital and throughout the state has been a continuing problem which is overdue for solution; and

WHEREAS the space problems faced by the smaller territorial government have been compounded by the expanded needs of state government; and

WHEREAS the efficient and economical operation of the state government is ad-

versely affected by the lack of adequate space designed for the particular functions of agencies; and

WHEREAS the Legislature is particularly aware of the problem since it has never had sufficient space for its work and recognizes the plight of the many agencies which have been overcrowded for years;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Council is directed to initiate a comprehensive study of the present and projected needs of the state government for office and other space in cooperation with other state agencies and make a detailed report with recommendations to the Legislature at the earliest possible date.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Relating to a study of the problem of mental health, competency, laws relating to commitment, sentencing and treatment of accused with mental problems, availability of community mental health and retardation matching grants under existing federal laws, and the need for revision and enactment of Alaska statutes in connection with these matters.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

WHEREAS, the laws relating to mental health, competency, mental condition, the care, commitment and treatment of the mentally ill, are confused in their definitions and placement in Alaska statutes and have no cross references or clarity; and

WHEREAS, there is no law for the restoration of competency and confusion has arisen with regard to the treatment of those accused of crime who are suffering from various forms of mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the state, local governments and nonprofit institutions may desire to participate in the various federal laws relating to community mental health facilities for the mentally ill and retarded, and state laws must perhaps be revised in order to so participate; and

WHEREAS, Governor William A. Egan, in his annual message to the legislature, urged that a study of the problem be made by the Legislative Council and the Governor's Advisory Committee on Mental Health Planning;

BE IT RESOLVED that

(1) The Legislative Council is directed to study and, if necessary conduct public hearings on the need for new and for remedial legislation in the matter of mental health and mental condition, or competency, and of all laws pertaining thereto, including the study of all definitions or lack of definitions appearing in Alaska statutes, incompetency and declarations of incompetency, the restoration of competency, the appointment of, and standards for appointment of guardians of the person and property of individuals, all laws dealing with accused individuals who are men-

tally ill, and the like;

(2) The Council is likewise directed to study the need for further legislation to enable local government bodies and nonprofit institutions to participate in the comprehensive mental health program envisioned by P.L. 88-164 and P.L. 88-156, which are concerned with the planning grants for mental health and mental retardation that have been made to the state;

(3) The Council is further directed to study the necessity for clarifying, rearranging and modernizing the Alaska Mental Health Program Act (AS 47.30.010-47.30.340), and the need for a system of cross referencing the various acts dealing with mental condition presently found in 14 titles of the code;

(4) The Council shall further study the need for a mental health code, as opposed to a statute, so that the laws can be approached without the present difficulties;

(5) The Council shall coordinate its hearings and studies with the Governor's Advisory Committee on Mental Health Planning;

(6) Legislative Council recommendations on the subject, together with drafts of remedial or new legislation that it may deem necessary, shall be submitted to the legislature.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Relating to the agricultural development in Alaska.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

WHEREAS Alaska's present agricultural production meets less than 10 per cent of our market needs; and

WHEREAS reports indicate that under our soil and climatic conditions this state is capable of producing up to 60 per cent of its estimated 100-million dollar annual wholesale food requirements; and

WHEREAS Alaska's agricultural development is not keeping pace with the growth of Alaska's economy, despite the fact that the amount of land already classified by the Soil Conservation Service as suitable

for agricultural production in the state is considerably in excess of the acreage required to supply our present population; and

WHEREAS Alaska's present agriculture program has failed to meet the needs of the state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the President and Board of Regents of the University of Alaska are requested to retain agricultural specialists as consultants to review and survey existing agriculture research and extension programs and make recommendations to the Governor on program changes necessary to achieve the full agricultural development of Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and Board of Regents of the Univer-