

WHEREAS there is now before Congress S. 408, which includes a provision for a study by the Housing and Home Finance Agency of the cost of a federal earthquake insurance program; and

WHEREAS the agency study would include all actuarial factors which would be involved in the enactment of a comprehensive federal natural disaster insurance program; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska and its citizens are particularly aware of the desperate need for the study and program in view of the experience last year with a disastrous earthquake; and

WHEREAS with the results of the Alaska earthquake and other natural disasters affecting all areas of the nation each in mind, there is an obvious need for an insurance program to cover the after effects in both the private and public

sectors of the economies so damaged;

BE IT RESOLVED that Congress is urgently requested to give its approval to S. 408 and the natural disaster insurance program study it provides for; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable A. Willis Robertson, Chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee; the Honorable Wright Patman, Chairman of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee; the Honorable Robert C. Weaver, Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

Requesting Congress to approve legislation to increase interest in the development of mining.

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

WHEREAS existing federal tax law discriminates against the mining industry by setting a limit on expenses allowable in the search for and development of mineral deposits while no similar limit is placed on research by other industries; and

WHEREAS there is now before the Congress S. 338 which would remove this restriction on exploration and development expenditures that result in a loss but would provide for the present method of taxation on profits; and

WHEREAS full allowance for losses will encourage exploration and development of

deeply buried and remotely located mineral deposits; and

WHEREAS the broadening of discovery of such mineral deposits is required to meet the nation's needs and to reduce dependence on uncertain foreign supply sources;

BE IT RESOLVED that Congress is respectfully urged to enact S. 338 into law in order that Section 615 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 will be amended to improve the tax treatment of the mining industry; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31

Relating to the location of the headquarters of the Alaska Communications System.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the

State of Alaska:

WHEREAS the Alaska Communications System, U.S. Air Force, has provided the Territory and the State of Alaska and its

people with basic communications service for decades; and

WHEREAS this service is intended to provide military and public communication within Alaska and to link the internal system with the national communication systems; and

WHEREAS the headquarters for this Alaska-based and Alaska-oriented system is located at Seattle, Washington; and

WHEREAS the headquarters of the Alaska Communications System ought to be in the area in which it is operated and serves;

BE IT RESOLVED that the members

of the Alaska delegation in Congress are urged to move for the necessary action to move the headquarters of the Alaska Communications System from Seattle, Washington, to Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Eugene M. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force; Major General James C. Jensen, Commander, Alaskan Air Command; and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

Commending the Small Business Administration for its service to Alaska.

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

WHEREAS Alaska at this time is well along the road to recovery from the disastrous effects of the March 27, 1964, earthquake and tidal wave; and

WHEREAS the service and assistance of the Small Business Administration to the citizens and businesses of this state since the disaster has been a significant factor in Alaska's recovery; and

WHEREAS the service rendered to Alaskans in their hour of need by the Small Business Administration was an outstanding example of reasonable and diligent public service;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Honorable Eugene P. Foley, Administrator of the Small Business Administration, and to the employees of the Administration for their contribution to Alaska's recovery and its brighter future.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

Relating to the wage paid employees of the Alaska Railroad.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:

WHEREAS the nonoperating employees of the Alaska Railroad, a federal corporation, have expressed their opposition to the present means and method of establishing their wage rates by basing them on the Northern Pacific Railroad outside scales; and

WHEREAS the existing system is placing an economic hardship on the nonoperating employees; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of the Interior has thus far refused to negotiate

wage rates for these employees on the basis of surveys of wages and costs on the local level;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Interior and Insular Affairs Committees of Congress are requested to investigate the unequal wage scales applied to nonoperating employees of the Alaska Railroad and to prompt the Department of the Interior to negotiate regarding wages on the basis of local surveys and conditions in the same manner as is done for civilian employees working for the military in Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman of the Senate