

Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; and the Honor-

able E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U.S. Representative, member of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36

Relating to the release of Campbell Airstrip to the State of Alaska.

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

WHEREAS Merrill Field is fast becoming surrounded by urban development of the City of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS air traffic at Merrill Field has expanded to the point where use of the field is unreasonably dangerous, not only to persons in aircraft but also to persons in the surrounding urban area; and

WHEREAS the Campbell military airstrip and its surrounding area are ideally located both for present civilian aviation needs and for future development of needed civilian air facilities for the Anchorage area; and

WHEREAS the Campbell military airstrip and its surrounding area are used by the military only in occasional ground maneuvers; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska has given the military a permit to use the adjacent Birchwood airstrip for any of its military

maneuvers, including those now staged at the Campbell airstrip; and

WHEREAS the Campbell airstrip is bounded on three sides by state and privately-owned property and is a strip only three miles in width extending into this area;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Defense and the Department of the Interior are requested to release to the public domain for state land selection so much of the Fort Richardson Military Reservation as has not previously been released in sections 34, 35, and 36, Township 13 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian and sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 and 12, Township 12 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; Lieutenant General Raymond J. Reeves, Commander in Chief, Alaska Military Command; 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. 37

Relating to the construction of a breakwater at Kodiak.

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

WHEREAS the fishing industry at Kodiak and vicinity has grown in the past decade from a seasonal to an around-the-year multi-million dollar operation; and

WHEREAS hundreds of vessels from various ports on the west coast of the United States participate in this abundant fishing; and

WHEREAS the growth projections for

the fishing industry at Kodiak indicate accelerated growth and expansion during the next decade and thereafter; and

WHEREAS the studies made for the present boat harbor at Kodiak did not and could not have anticipated such phenomenal growth and expansion; and

WHEREAS the existing boat harbor can afford protection for only a portion of the fishing fleet operating in the Kodiak area; and during the severe storms that are common to this area, many vessels are unable to find suitable protection and are severely damaged; and

WHEREAS the extensive amount of damage to fishing vessels in the Kodiak area has greatly increased marine insurance rates and caused economic hardship to the fishing fleets and great financial loss to marine underwriters;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to provide funds to enable the Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, to begin construction of a breakwater at Kodiak; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to 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; the Honorable Carl Hayden, President pro tempore of the Senate; the Honorable Pat McNamara, Chairman, Senate Public Works Committee; the Honorable George H. Fallon, Chairman, House Public Works Committee; Lieutenant General Walter K. Wilson, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army; Colonel Clare D. Farley, District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Alaska; 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. 41

Relating to silver in U.S. coinage.

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

WHEREAS there is an acute shortage of silver in the United States because silver has become an increasingly important commodity; and

WHEREAS the Treasury is considering eliminating or diminishing silver from subsidiary coinage because its reserves of silver are rapidly diminishing; and

WHEREAS if silver is eliminated from coinage and a base metal is substituted, all currency in circulation will be token currency without intrinsic value; and

WHEREAS the fact that base metal coins of low value or paper currency of high value can be exchanged for silver coins of intrinsic value lends confidence to the entire currency system of a nation; and

WHEREAS silver coins have a long life and excellent appearance; and

WHEREAS the equipment which the U.S. Mint uses has been specifically designed for handling silver and conversion to other materials would create production problems; and

WHEREAS coins that are made of silver are difficult to counterfeit; and

WHEREAS the elimination of silver from coinage would have a detrimental effect on the silver industry in the western states and in Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of the Treasury is respectfully urged to continue to use silver in U.S. coinage; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Douglas Dillon, Secretary, Department of the Treasury; 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. 42

Relating to the elimination of federal excise tax on telephone calls to and from Alaska.

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

WHEREAS the present excise tax on telephone calls was enacted as a war-time measure over 20 years ago; and

WHEREAS President Johnson has indicated that a reduction in existing federal excise and other taxes amounting to 1.5 billion dollars will be part of the new budget program; and

WHEREAS the specific excise taxes which will be eliminated or reduced in order to give this relief to the taxpayers have not been determined; and