

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

WHEREAS it is considered that excise taxes on necessities, such as telephone service, should be eliminated or reduced before taxes on luxury commodities; and

WHEREAS the rates and charges for telephone service between Alaska and the continental United States have, for years, been disproportionately high and Alaska has not benefited from the general reductions in interstate telephone rates made in recent years;

BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the United States is respectfully urged to propose to Congress that the excise tax on telephone calls between the continental United States and Alaska and Hawaii, which are still classified as overseas calls,

be eliminated as part of the overall plan to reduce federal excise taxes; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Harry Flood Byrd, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee; the Honorable Wilbur Mills, Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee; the Honorable Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury; the Honorable Kermit Gordon, Director, Bureau of the Budget; 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. 45

Relating to the Rampart Dam Project.

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

WHEREAS the Field Report on the Rampart Project in Alaska has been prepared from the studies made by the various field agencies of the Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS the Corps of Engineers of the United States Army has, for the past five years, been preparing a comprehensive report on the feasibility and consequences of the construction of the Rampart Dam; and

WHEREAS upon completion, this project would furnish needed power to areas both within and without the state; and

WHEREAS prompt consideration of and action upon the report of the Corps of Engineers is vital to the development of the state and to the welfare of the United States;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior is urged to review and evaluate the Field Report and submit his con-

clusions and recommendations to the Corps of Engineers; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, is urged to submit its report to Congress at the earliest possible moment; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress is urged to authorize and initiate the Rampart Project as part of the 1966 Omnibus Flood Control bill; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Lt. Gen. Walter K. Wilson, Chief of Engineers, United States Army; 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. 46

Relating to federal legislation on the voting rights of all citizens.

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

WHEREAS the President of the United States has urged the enactment by Congress of effective legislation prohibiting the denial of the right to vote in state, federal