

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