

IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to the release of certain
federal land for use as a road by
the state.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS hundreds of motor vehicles traverse the existing road from the City of Anchorage to Elmendorf Air Force Base every day; and

WHEREAS the existing means of ingress and egress is inadequate for the number of motorists which must travel to and from Elmendorf Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS the inadequate facilities for motor travel create hazardous driving conditions for the citizens of Anchorage and for the military personnel, especially during the peak traffic hours each day; and

WHEREAS there is an existing street, North Bragaw Street, in the City of Anchorage, which if extended would provide another means of entering and leaving Elmendorf Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS the city cannot extend the street at the present time because it would cross federally-owned land; and

WHEREAS if North Bragaw Street were extended, the existing

hazardous driving conditions would be greatly alleviated;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of the Air Force is respectfully requested to release to the state a strip of land sufficient in size to enable the appropriate state and city authorities to extend North Bragaw Street for the benefit of the civilian and military populations of the City of Anchorage.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Harold Brown, Secretary of the Air Force; Major General James C. Jensen, Commander, Elmendorf Air Force Base; the Honorable Donald McKinnon, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Highways; the Honorable Elmer Rasmusson, Mayor of the City of Anchorage; 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.