

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

Requesting the appointment of an Alaskan as Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Public Land Management.**Be It Resolved by the Senate:**

WHEREAS at least one-fifth of the lands owned by the United States and administered by the Department of the Interior are located within the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS no Alaskan holds a position of authority under the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS the position of Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Public Land Management is now open for appointment and one or more eminently qualified Alaskans have been mentioned for that appointment;

BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Interior are urged to appoint a qualified Alaskan, knowledgeable of all Alaska, as Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Public Land Management to assist on policy determinations for the administration of the vast resources of Alaska and the Nation; 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 Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of the State of 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.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

Requesting accelerated sale of state-owned patented mining claims.**Be It Resolved by the Senate:**

WHEREAS the State of Alaska has acquired many patented mining claims through due process of law because of nonpayment of taxes and nonregistration of ownership; and

WHEREAS the state has held these acquired mining claims for several years; and

WHEREAS these lands are not available for use or development nor can they be placed on borough or city tax rolls while held by the state; and

WHEREAS it is not practical for these lands to be leased because the redemption

period continues so long as the state holds the title; and

WHEREAS the state has the authorization, facilities, and personnel to sell these lands to private parties;

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Department of Natural Resources, Division of Lands, is directed to offer for sale to the highest bidders all acquired patented mining claims without unnecessary delay; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Phil R. Holdsworth, Commissioner of Natural Resources; and the Honorable Roscoe E. Bell, Director of the Division of Lands.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

Directing a Legislative Council study concerning rural schools.**Be It Resolved by the Senate:**

WHEREAS there is a lack of comprehensive information regarding the extent of rehabilitation and remodeling which is

required to bring the rural schools in the state up to an adequate standard; and

WHEREAS there is also a lack of detailed information regarding the maintenance problems associated with the operation of rural schools; and

WHEREAS, without this comprehensive and detailed information, it is difficult to accurately determine the budgetary requirements needed to insure the efficient operation and sufficiency of these schools;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Council, in cooperation with the Department of Public Works and the Department

of Education, is directed to evaluate the needs of the rural schools in the state and to present to the Legislature, in January, 1966, a study which suggests programs for the necessary restoration of rural schools and the estimated costs for implementing these programs, and analyzes the maintenance problems and the associated costs incurred in the operation of these schools.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

Requesting the Local Boundary Commission to consider possible revision of the boundaries of the City of Seward.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS it has been called to the attention of the Legislature that the present boundaries of the City of Seward established by an emergency act of the Legislature in 1964 may be too extensive to permit the city to provide adequate governmental services to all areas within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS the Local Boundary Commis-

sion is vested under the state constitution with the responsibility of considering local boundary changes; and

WHEREAS the members of the Senate believe that the Local Boundary Commission is best able to determine the need for possible revision of the present boundary of the City of Seward;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate requests the Local Boundary Commission to undertake a review of, and conduct public hearings on, the need for a possible revision of the boundaries of the City of Seward.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

Recognizing the visit of the Honorable N. O. Christensen, Governor of Greenland.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS Greenland, a part of the Nation of Denmark, has in common with Alaska similar climatic, vast area and population and an interchange of information on living and social affairs would be of mutual benefit; and

WHEREAS the Governor of Greenland is traveling in Alaska studying Arctic conditions and the distinct relationship between this state's Eskimo people and

the Native people in Greenland, and in the course of his travel has spoken to the joint session of the Alaska Legislature and on March 18, 1965, was given the privilege of the floor of the Alaska State Senate;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate recognizes the purpose and the value of this international visit in which the common problems of Greenland and Alaska were viewed, studied and discussed, and hereby expresses its appreciation and sincere commendation to the Honorable N. O. Christensen, Governor of Greenland of the Nation of Denmark.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

Requesting Congress to reject an executive reorganization proposal affecting the Alaska customs district.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS there is now before Congress an executive reorganization plan whereby

the Bureau of Customs Office in Alaska would be abolished and the collectors of customs positions would no longer be subject to presidential appointment; and

WHEREAS if the plan is not rejected by Congress the Alaska district office will in effect be moved thousands of miles away