IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. PALMER
BY REQUEST

HOUSE BILL NO. 129

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act to create an Agricultural Pest and Disease Control Fund; defining its purpose and the manner of expenditures therefrom; and declaring an emergency."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Section 1. There is hereby created a special fund in the Territorial Treasury to be known as the "Agricultural Pest and Disease Control Fund," to be composed of appropriations by the Legislature, and gifts or contributions from individuals, firms, corporations, municipalities and other governmental agencies.

Sec. 2. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon proper voucher from the Commissioner of Agriculture, and may be used for the following purposes:

(a) To purchase materials or equipment needed for controlling agricultural pests when the persons directly affected cannot bear the total cost and the pest is one that is or may become a public problem.

(b) To charter or hire on a custom basis the services of equipment and operators necessary for pest-control work when the persons directly affected are not able to provide the service and the pest is one that is or may become a public problem.

(c) To match Federal indemnity payments to livestock owners for livestock slaughtered under any cooperating livestock health program.

(d) To maintain a supply of vaccines, serums and chemicals needed for emergency pest control, that are not commercially available in the Territory.

Sec. 3. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval, or upon its becoming law without such approval.