

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 21

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 TO THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE; SURGEON
6 GENERAL OF THE U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE; THE DELEGATE TO
7 CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; AND TO THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA:

8 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,
9 in Twenty-second Regular Session assembled, respectfully repre-
10 sents that:

11 WHEREAS, the Public Health Service, a branch of the Depart-
12 ment of Health, Education, and Welfare after July 1, 1955 will
13 own and operate hospitals for Indian beneficiaries throughout
14 Alaska, and

15 WHEREAS, within Alaska there will be two agencies carrying
16 out health programs, namely the U. S. Public Health Service, a
17 Federal agency, and the Territorial Department of Health which
18 leads to confusion, inefficiency and duplication; and

19 WHEREAS, the Parran team, which has recently reported on
20 Alaska's health problems, recommended that unification of ad-
21 ministration of health services in Alaska would result in more
22 services more economically rendered because of unified policy
23 and simplified administration; and

24 WHEREAS, the Congress recognizing that it would be more
25 efficient, economical and following sound principles, enacted
26 legislation to authorize the Secretary of Health, Education, and
27 Welfare to enter into contracts with State and Territorial
28 agencies to perform special duties and functions;

29 NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the Legislature of the

1 Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-second Regular Session assembled,
2 respectfully urges that the Department of Health, Education, and
3 Welfare, through the Public Health Service, enter into appropriate
4 contracts with the Territory of Alaska for the operation and main-
5 tenance and staffing of all hospitals for Indian beneficiaries
6 within Alaska, and it is further urged that such contracts be all
7 inclusive and comprehensive so that the Territorial Government
8 or any agency, bureau or department thereof will not, through
9 such contracts, be obligated for any costs of administration,
10 operation, maintenance or staffing.

11 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.
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