

IN THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

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

WHEREAS, the twin villages of Gambell and Savoonga are the centers of population on St. Lawrence Island in desolate Bering Sea, 180 airline miles southwest from Nome, with approximately 90 miles of barren tundra and frozen wasteland between the villages; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Aeronautics Administration regulations require two-motored airplanes with which to span this 180 miles of open water or moving ice floes, depending on the season, which in turn necessitates what are known as DC-3 airfields; and

WHEREAS, the village of Gambell was equipped with a proper airfield in the seasons of 1953-54, thus resulting in year round bi-monthly mail, freight and passenger service; and

WHEREAS, the cost of constructing a suitable field at Savoonga so as to render a similar service will be small because steel matting with which to top the field is available without cost in large quantities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Legislature of Alaska, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Aeronautics and Communications Commission is hereby requested to take steps necessary to secure the construction of an airfield at Savoonga, St. Lawrence Island, and cause same to be constructed during the 1955 season.