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1 IN THE HOUSE

HOUSE BILL NO. 50

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act to authorize a loan to the  
7 Alaska National Guard for the con-  
8 struction and equipping of community  
9 center-armories on a three-to-one (3:1)  
10 basis with the United States; providing for  
11 the repayment thereof; declaring an emerg-  
12 ency and providing for an effective date."

13 PREAMBLE

14 WHEREAS, the continuance of Federal recognition and financial  
15 support for the units of the Alaska National Guard is predicated  
16 upon the fulfillment of the Territorial obligation to provide  
17 desperately needed armories for these units; and

18 WHEREAS, National Guard armories may also be utilized and lo-  
19 cally controlled to meet the pressing need for community centers  
20 for adult and youth recreation, conventions, trade events, and  
21 other activities contributing to a fuller social and economic  
22 community life; and

23 WHEREAS, under the provisions of Public Law 783 (81st Cong. 783-  
24 (secs)), the Federal Government will pay 75% of the construction  
25 cost of basic community center-armories if the Territory will  
26 assume the 25% balance; and

27 WHEREAS, the Federal armory program and supporting appro-  
28 priation will expire in Fiscal Year 1958 without benefit to  
29 Alaska and its communities unless the Territory takes immediate

1 and affirmative action to earmark those Federal funds by adopt-  
2 ing and financing its share of the program; and

3 WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that immediate authorization  
4 for a financing of the program is imperative in order to com-  
5 plete the necessary planning and other arrangements within time  
6 to take all possible advantage of the 1957 construction period;  
7 now, therefore,

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

9 Section 1. LOAN AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIP-  
10 PING COMMUNITY CENTER-ARMORIES IN TEN (10) ALASKAN COMMUNITIES.  
11 Funds to carry out the provisions of this Act may be appro-  
12 priated in the General Appropriation Bill of the Alaska Legis-  
13 lature as a loan to the "Territorial Military Fund" of the  
14 Territorial Military Department for constructing and equipping  
15 community center-armories in the following communities:

16	Anchorage	\$ 215,570.
17	Bethel	\$ 357,250.
18	Fairbanks	\$ 186,220.
19	Homestead	\$ 63,450.
20	Juneau	\$ 287,500.
21	Ketchikan	\$ 134,500.
22	Nome	\$ 324,500.
23	Kodiak (Additions)	\$ 20,000.
24	Sitka (Renovation)	\$ 15,000.
25	Healy	\$ 5,000.

26 It is the intent of the Legislature that these monies be  
27 expended on a three-to-one (3:1) matching basis with the United  
28 States for basic armories; however, where deemed necessary, the  
29 unmatched portion of these monies may be expended for such

1 additional construction and equipment as may be essential to  
2 a complete community center-armory.

3       Sec. 2. LOAN TO BE REPAYED FROM THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS. The  
4 aforesaid loan is to be repaid to the General Fund as monies  
5 become available from the issuance of bonds by the Territory  
6 under authority of appropriate Territorial enabling legislation  
7 enacted pursuant to Public Law 515, 84th Congress, Chapter 248,  
8 Second Session.

9       Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. It has been found and it is de-  
10 clared that Federal armory grants are now available under pro-  
11 visions of Public Law 723, 81st Congress; that these grants  
12 are necessary for constructing and equipping community center-  
13 armories urgently needed in many areas of the Territory; and  
14 that the enactment of this Act would permit such grants to be  
15 obtained for that purpose. Therefore, an emergency is declared  
16 to exist, and this Act being necessary for the preservation of  
17 the public peace, health and safety, shall take effect and be  
18 in force from the date of its approval or its becoming law  
19 without such approval

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