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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 10

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ALASKA AERONAUTICS AND COMMUNICATIONS COM-
6 MISSION AND THE HONORABLE HERMAN PORTER, DIRECTOR OF AERONAUTICS.

7 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska,
8 in Twenty-Third Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

9 WHEREAS, construction of a pulp mill of an estimated value
10 of \$50,000,000.00 is about to commence in the City of Sitka, and
11 future air needs of Sitka will not be met with the present limit-
12 ed physical facilities; and

13 WHEREAS, additional passenger and commercial services are
14 necessary for the imminent development and growth of Sitka; and

15 WHEREAS, Sitka is one of the few remaining major cities
16 throughout Alaska without adequate airport facilities; and

17 WHEREAS, the United States Government, through the Civil
18 Aeronautics Administration and other Federal agencies, together
19 with other National, Territorial and local organizations and
20 persons, have recognized the urgent need and tremendous advant-
21 age of such proposed facilities in this area; and

22 WHEREAS, the Civil Aeronautics Administration, an agency
23 of the United States Government whose advice and testimony is
24 often sought and relied upon by Congress, have indicated that
25 an airport is highly desirable in and about the City of Sitka;

26 and
27 WHEREAS, the Department of Aviation of the Territory of
28 Alaska, in its report for the period beginning January 1, 1955
29 and ending December 31, 1956, has requested Legislative direction

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1 authorizing a final engineering survey for the purpose of pre-
2 senting a proposal to the United States Congress seeking a dir-
3 ect appropriation grant, which grant will exclusively provide for
4 all construction and installation costs, all resulting in a con-
5 siderable advantage and saving to the Territory of Alaska; and

6 WHEREAS, the Territorial Department of Aviation has indi-
7 cated that such survey can be made at a cost of approximately
8 \$50,000.00 which sum shall be payable to the said Department, if
9 a direct appropriation grant is made by Congress; and

10 WHEREAS, such monies are now available in the Aeronautical
11 Revolving Fund created by Section 14 A of Chapter 123, SLA 1949,
12 as amended by Chapter 47, SLA 1955;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Department of Avia-
14 tion of the Territory of Alaska is hereby strongly urged and
15 requested to proceed, without delay, to arrange for the final
16 engineering survey on the proposed Sitka airport and to take such
17 other action as may be necessary to present this project to
18 Congress for a direct appropriation grant.

19 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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