

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 11

3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

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TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
6 STATES OF AMERICA; HONORABLE SINCLAIR WEEKS, SECRETARY OF COM-
7 MERCE; THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES; HONORABLE WARREN G.
8 MAGNUSON, UNITED STATES SENATOR; HONORABLE RICHARD NEUBERGER,
9 UNITED STATES SENATOR; HONORABLE HENRY M. JACKSON, UNITED STATES
10 SENATOR; HONORABLE WAYNE MORSE, UNITED STATES SENATOR; HONORABLE
11 E. L. BARTLETT, DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM ALASKA; AND HONORABLE
12 JAMES T. PYLE, ADMINISTRATOR, CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION;

13 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska
14 in Twenty-third Regular Session assembled respectfully submits
15 that:

16 WHEREAS, air transportation is vital to the economy of
17 Alaska; and

18 WHEREAS, an adequate airport construction and maintenance
19 program is necessary if the economy of the Territory is to con-
20 tinue to expand; and

21 WHEREAS, under provisions of Public Law 211, 84th Congress,
22 the sum of \$5,175,000 was obligated for Alaska airport construc-
23 tion for period beginning July 1, 1956, and ending June 30, 1959;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the Federal Airport Aid program recognizes that
26 favorable treatment should be given to those states which have
27 unappropriated and unreserved public lands exceeding 75 per cent
28 of the total area; and

29 WHEREAS, it authorizes Federal matching funds in an amount

1 of 50 per cent, and an additional amount equal to one-half of
2 such states total area of public lands not to exceed 25 per cent
3 for a maximum amount of aid of 75 per cent of the total construc-
4 tion cost; and

5 WHEREAS, Alaska is the only jurisdiction subject to the
6 limitation imposed by the Federal Airport Act; and

7 WHEREAS, if this limitation of the Federal Act were not
8 applicable the Federal participation in Alaska would reach a
9 total of 98 per cent, since 99 per cent of the total land area
10 of Alaska belongs to the Federal Government;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House and Senate of
12 the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third session assembled,
13 respectfully urges that Section 10(c) of the Federal Airport Aid
14 Act (49, USC, 1101-19) be amended by changing the numeral 75
15 to 90 so that it would read as follows:

16 "(c) The United States share payable on account of any
17 approved project in the Territory of Alaska shall be such
18 portion of the allowable project costs of the project
19 (not less than 50 per centum in the case of a Class 3 or
20 smaller airport, but not to exceed 90 [~~75~~] per centum
21 in the case of an airport of any size) as the Administrator
22 may deem appropriate for carrying out the provisions of
23 this Act."

24 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY,
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