

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
6 STATES; THE HONORABLE PHILLIP FLEMING, SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT  
7 OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE; THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
8 PUBLIC WELFARE, UNITED STATES SENATE; THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
9 AND LABOR, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; THE SURGEON GENERAL OF THE  
10 UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT,  
11 SENATOR FROM ALASKA; THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, SENATOR FROM  
12 ALASKA; THE HONORABLE RALPH RIVERS, CONGRESSMAN FROM ALASKA:

13 The First Legislature of the State of Alaska respectfully  
14 represents:

15 1. Since 1949 an appropriation known as the "Alaska Grant"  
16 has been made by Congress to the general health program in  
17 Alaska based on the extraordinary, urgent and unique needs of  
18 Alaska for various health services;

19 2. The said Alaska Grants have averaged approximately six  
20 hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000.00) annually since  
21 1949. Although the appropriation has so remained constant for  
22 the past decade the U. S. Government now proposes to reduce the  
23 appropriation until it is completely eliminated at the end of a  
24 four year period ending in 1963;

25 3. This grant has made possible, or contributed principally  
26 to the following Public Health programs

- 27 a. Arctic Health Research Center  
28 b. Sanitation and engineering  
29 c. Nursing

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d. Laboratory research and analysis

4. Without the grant there will be a general reduction of public health protection both to Alaskan citizens and to Alaska's military population, while the new state bends its every effort and resource to establish its new state government;

5. The ends achieved by the grant are of national importance. Research projects of the Arctic Health Research Center benefit the nation as a whole; sanitation and engineering projects supported by the Alaska Grant, benefit and protect the U. S. military establishment, as do all the other projects supported by the grant. The new state, particularly during its formative years, cannot meet all these costs which benefit all of the United States;

THEREFORE, it is urged that the executive and legislative branches of the United States Government preserve and maintain during future years the appropriation for public health services of national significance in Alaska at not less than its present level of approximately six hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually.