

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the completion

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of the Nome-Teller Road on

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the Seward Peninsula.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN THE

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FIRST LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED:

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WHEREAS, an aerial photogrammetric survey of the Nome-Teller

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Road was completed in 1956 and a ground survey of that road was

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completed in October, 1957; and

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WHEREAS, the economy of the area which this road would serve

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is almost totally undeveloped due largely to the lack of surface

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transportation; and

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WHEREAS, the completion of the Nome-Teller Road would make

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accessible and permit the development of the Sinuk River iron-ore

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deposits, the Boulder Creek coal beds, the Sinuk hematite deposits,

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the Igloo Run gold placer deposits, the Bluestone River gold placer

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deposits; and would provide economical surface transportation from

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Nome to Sullivan City Camp, the Village of Teller, Grantley Harbor

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and the land protected deep sea anchorage of Port Clarence there-

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by substantially aiding the economic development and growth of the

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western portion of the Seward Peninsula; and

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WHEREAS, the cost of air transportation is prohibitively high

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in the area; and

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WHEREAS, the cost of water transportation has increased by

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15% for freight from Seattle to ship's tackle in Alaska and an

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additional 15% for lighterage in the Seward Peninsula area; and

1 WHEREAS, the completion of the Nome-Teller Road would
2 encourage tourists to visit Northwestern Alaska in that it would
3 permit scenic overland trips from Nome to Teller and would open
4 up new areas to sports fishing, hunting, prospecting and gold
5 panning; and

6 WHEREAS, only 46.6 miles of road need be built to complete
7 the road after the 1959 construction season;

8 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State
9 of Alaska in First Legislature, First Session assembled that the
10 Alaska Highway Commissioner be directed to give the Nome-Teller
11 Road first priority as a Northwestern Alaska road project and that
12 he be directed to take all necessary measures to complete said
13 road.

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