

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. GIERSDORF

2 HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 2

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE LYNDON JOHNSON, SENATE MAJORITY LEADER; THE
6 HONORABLE SAM RAYBURN, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;
7 TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE OF INTERIOR AND INSULAR
8 AFFAIRS; TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF INTERIOR AND
9 INSULAR AFFAIRS; TO THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONOR-
10 ABLE ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE
11 RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

12 Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State
13 of Alaska, in First Session assembled, respectfully submits that:

14 WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, by an Act approved
15 May 13, 1946 (60 Stat. 170), as amended, has provided a program of
16 Federal aid for public airport development in the States and
17 Territories; and

18 WHEREAS, pursuant thereto, Federal matching monies have been
19 made available to all the States and Alaska for the construction
20 of public airports; and

21 WHEREAS, in the 85th Congress a bill which would have
22 authorized additional appropriations to the States, including
23 Alaska, passed both Houses but was vetoed by the President; and

24 WHEREAS, it is now proposed by the present administration
25 that Federal participation be decreased gradually each year until
26 the Federal Aid Program for public airport development ceases
27 entirely with resultant decreased Federal participation in the
28 cost of constructing public airports in the States; and

29 WHEREAS, Alaska is dependent on air transportation to a

1 greater degree than any other state or territory as alternative
2 means of transportation serve only limited areas; and

3 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1 has been introduced in the United
4 States Senate, which bill, to all intents and purposes continues
5 the broad financial assistance necessary to further the construc-
6 tion of needed aviation facilities; and

7 WHEREAS, the defense and development of the State of Alaska
8 are intimately linked with its aviation facilities and an accel-
9 erated airport construction in Alaska is essential to the defense
10 of the United States;

11 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives
12 of the State of Alaska, in First Session assembled, respectfully
13 urges that the Congress and the President of the United States
14 immediately enact into law Senate Bill No. 1.

15 AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY.

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