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IN THE HOUSE

BY RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 14

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

TO THE HONORABLE FREDERICK H. MUELLER, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE; THE
HONORABLE BERTRAM D. TALLAMY, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR; THE
HONORABLE WILLIAM J. NIEMI, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PUBLIC
ROADS; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST
GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS,
REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State
of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, respect-
fully submits that:

WHEREAS, the Steese Highway is closed each winter due to
heavy snow; and

WHEREAS, the winter closure leaves the road impassible far
into the spring; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the highway be opened by May 1
in order that supplies and necessary equipment may be taken over
the highway to the people of Circle, Central, Circle Springs and
Muller House, and so that miners and others may have access to the
area served by the Steese highway before the summer is half over;
and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Bureau of Public Roads has been
late in removing the winter's accumulation of snow from the Steese
Highway, causing the highway to be closed after May 1 to the
detriment of the people who must use this important link;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges the Bureau of Public
Roads to fulfill its obligations to a patient but needful

1 citizenry by clearing the Steese Highway for the use of travelers
2 no later than May 1, 1960.

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