

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATORS MOODY AND MCNEALY

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 12

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 JOHN FOSTER DULLES, SECRETARY OF STATE; THE
7 HONORABLE NEIL H. MCELROY, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE; THE HONORABLE
8 LEWIS L. STRAUSS, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE; THE HONORABLE JAMES T.
9 PYLE, ADMINISTRATOR, FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY; THE HONORABLE WARREN
10 G. MAGNUSON, CHAIRMAN, SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN
11 COMMERCE; THE HONORABLE JOHN B. BENNETT, CHAIRMAN, HOUSE COMMITTEE
12 ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT
13 AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA; AND THE
14 HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

15 Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska,
16 respectfully submits that:

17 WHEREAS, Alaska now has two federally operated international
18 airports located at Anchorage and Fairbanks respectively; and

19 WHEREAS, the location of these airports on the international
20 commerce and defense frontier of the nation is a matter of para-
21 mount concern in the development and execution of the diplomatic,
22 commerce and defense policies of the nation; and

23 WHEREAS, the arrival of the jet age finds these vital cross-
24 polar air facilities without adequate runways to accommodate jet
25 aircraft; and

26 WHEREAS, it is essential to the international air commerce
27 and defense needs of the nation in this strategic area that the
28 air facilities be developed and maintained to accommodate the
29 latest developments in aeronautics;

1 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State
2 of Alaska in the First Legislature, First Session assembled,
3 earnestly requests that the President and the Congress develop and
4 approve a program whereby the federal government will continue to
5 operate, maintain and control these vital national international
6 air facilities at Anchorage and Fairbanks and proceed with all
7 possible speed to authorize and provide monies for the extension
8 of the runways of said airports in keeping with the international
9 commerce, diplomacy and defense commitments and plans of the
10 nation.

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