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IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR HOPSON

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 14

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

TO THE HONORABLE FRED A. SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE HONORABLE GLENN L. EMMONS, COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS; THE HONORABLE JAMES E. HAWKINS, ALASKA AREA DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS:

Your Memorialist, the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, First Session assembled respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, the village of Barrow is the largest and most rapidly growing rural village in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the school age population of the village of Barrow is growing proportionately and is expected to reach almost 600 by 1963; and

WHEREAS, the present school facilities in Barrow consist of eight elementary classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the building schedule of the Bureau of Indian Affairs includes plans for extending the number of classrooms to twenty in 1960; and

WHEREAS, these building plans do not take into consideration the educational needs of children from Barrow and the other villages which send their children to Barrow for schooling who need and require education beyond the elementary level; and

WHEREAS, this older group of students is also increasing rapidly in the village of Barrow and facilities are needed to allow these pupils to continue their education close to home;

NOW THEREFORE Your Memorialist urges that the Bureau of

1 Indian Affairs take all possible steps that would lead to the
2 construction of high school facilities in Barrow at the same
3 time that the proposed elementary classrooms are constructed.
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