

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR OWEN

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO.16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 TO JAMES HAWKINS, DIRECTOR OF THE ALASKA NATIVE SERVICE AND FRANK
6 METCALF, DIRECTOR OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

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

10 WHEREAS, the swing bridge over the Karluk River which con-
11 nects the two portions of the village of Karluk and which consti-
12 tutes a vital means of transportation and communication between
13 them has fallen down; and

14 WHEREAS, this has necessitated the transportation of school
15 children from one portion of the village to the other twice each
16 day by means of outboard skiff across the Karluk River subjecting
17 them to the dangers of ice floes and other river debris; and

18 WHEREAS, groceries, fuel and all other supplies necessary for
19 subsistence must be transported in a like manner; and

20 WHEREAS, the necessity of crossing the Karluk River by means
21 of boat subject the occupants to possibility of loss of life and
22 limb;

23 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges the Alaska Native Ser-
24 vice and the Alaska Department of Public Works to join forces and
25 share the cost of rebuilding said bridge at the earliest possible
26 date.