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IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR MOODY

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO 19

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

TO THE HONORABLE RICHARD NIXON, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; THE HONORABLE SAM RAYBURN, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; THE HONORABLE JOHN L. MCCLELLAN, CHAIRMAN, SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA; THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

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

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced into the United States Senate known as the "Payments to Local Government Act of 1959"; and

WHEREAS, this bill represents the culmination of nearly ten years of continuous legislative effort to develop a program which would afford some measure of relief to local communities which have suffered losses as a result of the presence of federal tax immune properties within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, at the same time the bill does not do violence to the principle of federal tax immunity, establishing as it does a non-partisan board to administer a temporary five-year program of payments in lieu of taxes and special assessments on a limited category of real property which has been removed from the local tax rolls as a result of federal acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the bill does not introduce any sort of a federal give-away program, but rather allows only for payment in carefully

1 weighed cases of legitimate local government hardship arising
2 from federal tax-free properties; and

3 WHEREAS, representative and responsible local government
4 groups throughout the United States, including the Council of
5 State Governments, the American Municipal Association and the
6 National Association of County Officials have publicly supported
7 this legislation; and

8 WHEREAS, the passage of such legislation would be of direct
9 benefit to local jurisdictions in Alaska where federal holdings
10 are numerous;

11 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist urges that Senate Bill 910
12 of the 86th Congress, First Session, be passed by both houses of
13 Congress in the near future.

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