

BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH,  
WELFARE AND EDUCATION

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 23

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 RICHARD NIXON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
7 STATES SENATE; THE HONORABLE SAM RAYBURN, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
8 REPRESENTATIVES; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE  
9 ERNEST GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA; THE HONORABLE RALPH J.  
10 RIVERS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA; THE HONORABLE FRED A. SEATON,  
11 SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR; THE HONORABLE GLENN L. EMMONS,  
12 COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS; THE HONORABLE JAMES E. HAWKINS,  
13 ALASKA AREA DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS:

14 WHEREAS, there is at present serious lack of both elementary  
15 and secondary schools throughout the remote areas of Alaska; and

16 WHEREAS, the present school facilities in such areas are  
17 over-crowded, and often dangerous due to age and condition; and

18 WHEREAS, such conditions result in some 300 school age chil-  
19 dren, particularly at the secondary level, being unable to attend  
20 school; and

21 WHEREAS, education is a prime necessity if our native people  
22 are to progress to the point of economic and social self-suffi-  
23 ciency; and

24 WHEREAS, the Juneau Area Office of the Bureau of Indian  
25 Affairs has plans for the construction of the needed school  
26 facilities for all such remote areas; and

27 WHEREAS, these construction plans of the Bureau of Indian  
28 Affairs clearly reflect the real and present school needs of the  
29 native communities of Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, due to appropriation limitations these plans are scheduled out over a number of years, causing the building program to fall far behind current needs;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist respectfully urges that proper legislation be passed by the 86th Congress allowing for appropriations to immediately carry out the school construction plans of the Juneau Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.