

BY SENATORS HOPSON  
AND BRONSON

1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 36

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 TO THE HONORABLE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
6 STATES; THE HONORABLE FRED A. SEATON, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR;  
7 THE HONORABLE GLENN L. EMMONS, COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS; THE  
8 HONORABLE JAMES E. HAWKINS, AREA DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AF-  
9 FAIRS; THE HONORABLE E. L. BARTLETT AND THE HONORABLE ERNEST  
10 GRUENING, SENATORS FROM ALASKA; AND THE HONORABLE RALPH J. RIVERS,  
11 REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALASKA:

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

15 WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Alaska is educating  
16 a large number of Indian and Eskimo children in schools scattered  
17 throughout the northern and western part of the state; and

18 WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs is finding it increas-  
19 ingly difficult to properly carry out its program of educating the  
20 Native children because of overcrowded schools and obsolescent  
21 buildings; and

22 WHEREAS, the future of the State of Alaska in a large part  
23 depends upon the proper education of this great natural resource  
24 of Native people; and

25 WHEREAS, in order to properly educate the Native children and  
26 facilitate the eventual assumption of state responsibility for  
27 Native education, schools should be brought into line with exist-  
28 ing state standards of pupil-teacher ratio and construction; and

29 WHEREAS, out of a current appropriation of \$13,000,000 for  
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1 Bureau of Indian Affairs construction in all of the United States,  
2 Alaska is receiving only one million dollars;

3 NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist requests that serious con-  
4 sideration be given to making more funds available to the Alaska  
5 office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs from either the current  
6 appropriation or from additional appropriations, which would  
7 enable a program of construction to be carried out which would in-  
8 sure the adequate housing and proper environment for learning  
9 which our Native children need so badly.

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