

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATORS BRONSON AND HOPSON

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to federal aid to Alaska for
6 road construction.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN FIRST
8 LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION ASSEMBLED:

9 WHEREAS, the state of Alaska, having the largest area of all
10 the several states, has only 3,000 miles of roads, of which only
11 1,070 are paved; and

12 WHEREAS, only two of this state's larger cities are connected
13 by road or rail, the rest being isolated one from another except
14 for air or water transport; and

15 WHEREAS, this situation is the direct result of the policy
16 followed by the federal government when Alaska was still a
17 territory; and

18 WHEREAS, that policy was one which placed the burden of
19 every excise tax for road construction upon Alaskans but
20 denied Alaskans an equal share in the benefits thereof; and

21 WHEREAS, the total amount for road construction which Alaska
22 would have received as a state from 1917 through 1959 is
23 \$575,600,000 but the total amount Alaska actually received was
24 only \$84,700,000;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature of the State of Alaska
26 in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, urge the Congress
27 of the United States to enact legislation which will aid this
28 state to acquire the adequate road system so long denied it during
29 its many years as the undernourished ward of the federal government

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1 and to erase the inequities which were so long imposed; and be it
2 FURTHER RESOLVED, that this legislature commend and support
3 the proposals of the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senator from
4 Alaska, in his memorandum of December 4, 1959, to the Committee
5 of Public Works of the United States Senate; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to
7 the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United
8 States; the Honorable Dennis Chavez, Senator from New Mexico and
9 Chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Works; the Honorable
10 E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from
11 Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from
12 Alaska.

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