

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR MCNEES

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the construction of DC4
6 type landing facility on the Lower
7 Yukon.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE
9 OF ALASKA IN FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED:

10 WHEREAS, the area known as the Lower Yukon is served only by
11 small air carriers on limited schedules, which leads to high
12 freight rates, prohibitive personal transportation costs for those
13 interested in seasonal employment elsewhere, poor mail service,
14 frequent interruption of service due to weather conditions, and
15 difficulties in getting emergency patients immediately to the
16 hospital at Bethel; and

17 WHEREAS, the population of this area is growing rapidly, now
18 approximating about 5,000 persons and the growth of the economy and
19 productive utilization of this population group is slowed by such
20 air service; and

21 WHEREAS, a DC4 type landing facility in the area would
22 eliminate such problems growing out of poor air service and would
23 be of benefit to the entire area; and

24 WHEREAS, the villages of Marshall Fortuna Ledge, St. Mary's,
25 Mountain Village, Alakanuk and Kwiguk or Emmonak have lain aside
26 any selfish desire to individually acquire such facilities and
27 have joined in agreement that the best site would be half-way
28 between St. Mary's and Mountain Village;

29 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of

1 Alaska that the Director of Aviation of the State of Alaska or the
2 head of the Department succeeding to the functions of the Depart-
3 ment of Aviation be directed to take all appropriate steps to
4 construct a DC4 landing facility between the villages of St.
5 Mary's and Mountain Village on the Lower Yukon at the earliest
6 opportunity.

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