1 IN THE HOUSE BY RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 158

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act permitting the State of Alaska to
7 qualify for and to spend federal monies for
8 increasing teachers' salaries, school
9 construction and other educational purposes;
10 and providing for an effective date."

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

12 Section 1. DECLARATION OF INTENT. In the event that the
13 United States Congress enacts legislation making federal monies
14 available to the states for teachers' salaries, school
15 construction and other educational purposes it is the desire of
16 the legislature that the Governor or the State Board of Education
17 as the federal law may require have sufficient flexibility in
18 the use of monies appropriated to the Department of Education to
19 meet all reasonable federal requirements for obtaining the full
20 amount of federal monies which may be obtained by the state under
21 such federal aid program.

22 Sec. 2. EXPENDITURE OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS FOR TEACHERS'
23 SALARIES. In the event the United States Congress enacts
24 legislation when the legislature is not in session making monies
25 available to the states for teachers' salaries the Governor or
26 the State Board of Education as the federal law may require is
27 authorized to accept and use part or all of the federal monies
28 made available to the State of Alaska to increase teachers'
29 salaries according to a minimum salary schedule to be arrived at

by the State Board of Education. The Governor or the State Board of Education as federal law may require is authorized to use monies appropriated by the legislature for teachers' salaries for matching purposes and is authorized to expend such federal monies so obtained for increased teachers' salaries in addition to state monies already appropriated for that purpose. Any modified state minimum salary schedule arrived at as a result of receiving federal monies may be put into effect by executive order signed by the Governor or by order of the State Board of Education whichever appears to be most proper under federal law. This minimum salary schedule shall be valid under such order until such time as it is altered or approved in full by the legislature. The term "teacher" for the purposes of this Act shall include teachers, school superintendents and other public school employees covered by the state minimum salary schedule who would be qualified to receive federal monies through the state.

Sec. 3. EXPENDITURE OF STATE AND FEDERAL MONIES FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION. In the event the United States Congress enacts into law legislation making monies available to the state for school construction while the legislature is not in session the Governor or the State Board of Education as the federal law may require is authorized to accept and use such federal monies and to apply them to the cost of constructing and improving school buildings and facilities to the extent such construction and improvement is authorized by the legislature at the time federal monies become available. If a condition to receiving federal monies for school construction is that the state increase its expenditures for that purpose over expenditures authorized by

1 the legislature at the time federal monies become available the
2 Governor or the State Board of Education as the federal law may
3 require is authorized to use monies appropriated by the legis-
4 lature for school construction for matching purposes and to make
5 further federal monies available for school construction in
6 addition to state monies already appropriated for that purpose.
7 To the extent practicable expenditure of state and federal monies
8 shall be limited to projects already programmed by the Department
9 of Education and authorized by the legislature at the time
10 federal monies become available.
11 Sec. 4. APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID GRANTED WITHOUT
12 LIMITATION AS TO USE. In the event federal monies are made
13 available to the state without limitation or restriction as to
14 the educational purposes for which they may be spent or in the
15 event the Federal Government permits the expenditure of such
16 monies for alternative educational purposes, including payment of
17 teachers' salaries, the Governor or the State Board of Education
18 as the federal law may require is authorized to use whatever
19 percentage of such monies not to exceed 50% thereof for increasing
20 teachers' salaries in conformity with a minimum state salary
21 schedule to be adopted by the State Board of Education. The
22 Governor or the State Board of Education as the federal law may
23 require is authorized to use the remainder of such monies to
24 supplement existing educational programs.
25 Sec. 5. USE OF LINE ITEM APPROPRIATIONS FOR MATCHING
26 PURPOSES. The Governor or the State Board of Education as the
27 federal law may require is authorized to direct the use of any
28 state monies appropriated in any line item for the Department of
29 Education to match federal monies which will be made available

to the state for substantially the same purpose or program as the monies appropriated by the line item at whatever matching ratio is established for such federal monies.

Sec. 6. CONSENT TO REASONABLE CONDITIONS. The Governor or the State Board of Education as the federal law may require is authorized to accept all reasonable conditions which may be required by the Federal Government as a condition to receiving federal monies for education purposes.

Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.