

1 IN THE HOUSE BY MESSRS. STRATTON AND PEARSON  
2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 Relating to a feasibility study of  
6 the land scrip plan.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION  
8 ASSEMBLED, THE SENATE CONCURRING:

9 WHEREAS, Alaska is in immediate need of an enlarged popula-  
10 tion to assist in the creative development of the state and to  
11 share the accompanying burdens; and

12 WHEREAS, the populating of numerous states, particularly in  
13 the American West, was accomplished through the desire of Ameri-  
14 cans to own land; and

15 WHEREAS, Section 1, Article VIII of the Alaska State Consti-  
16 tution provides that "it is the policy of the State to encourage  
17 the settlement of its land and the development of its resources  
18 by making them available for maximum use consistent with the  
19 public interest"; and

20 WHEREAS, Section 2 of the same Article provides that "The  
21 legislature shall provide for the utilization...of...land...for  
22 the maximum benefit of the people"; and

23 WHEREAS, Section 9 of the same article provides that "...the  
24 legislature may provide for the sale or grant of state lands, or  
25 interest therein, and establish sales procedures..."; and

26 WHEREAS, a "land scrip plan" would provide residents of  
27 Alaska a dollar in scrip for every dollar of certain taxes paid  
28 to the state, and these "scrip dollars" would act as legal tender  
29 in purchasing land from the state; and

1           WHEREAS, these "scrip dollars" would reward Alaskans for  
2 their hardships endured for, the use of their varied talents by,  
3 and their faith in the state; and

4           WHEREAS, "land scrip" and its implication of inexpensive  
5 land would be an incentive to attract people to Alaska;

6           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second  
7 Legislature, Second Session assembled, the Senate concurring,  
8 that the Governor is requested to direct the Department of  
9 Natural Resources to conduct a feasibility study of the land  
10 scrip plan and to submit this study to the First Session of the  
11 Third Alaska Legislature when it convenes in January, 1963.

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