

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
6 of 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 population
10 to assist in the creative development of the state and to share
11 the accompanying burdens; and

12 WHEREAS, the populating of numerous states, particularly in
13 the American West, was accomplished through the desire of Americans
14 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, including its tidelands, and the develop-
18 ment of its resources by making them available for maximum use
19 consistent with the public interest"; and

20 WHEREAS, Section 2 of the same Article provides that "The
21 legislature shall provide for the utilization...of...land...for the
22 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" might provide residents of Alaska
27 a dollar in scrip for every dollar of certain taxes paid to the
28 state, and these "scrip dollars" might act as legal tender in
29 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 Natural
9 Resources to conduct a feasibility study of a land scrip plan and
10 to submit this study to the First Session of the Third Alaska
11 Legislature when it convenes in January, 1963.

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