

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. HANSEN BY REQUEST

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 67

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of a
6 Department of Urban Affairs and
7 Housing.

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

10 WHEREAS, the urban areas of the United States house more
11 than two-thirds of the nation's population and contain more than
12 75% of our wealth and productive enterprise; and

13 WHEREAS, the problems of an urban America are complex,
14 difficult of solution, and cover a wide range of functions, such
15 as, the disposal of waste, the construction of housing and
16 recreational facilities, the provision of safe and plentiful
17 supplies of water, the relocation of slum dwellers and the
18 elimination of slums, and the expansion of facilities for cultur-
19 al and educational activities; and

20 WHEREAS, these problems cannot be solved solely by local
21 government units because of their magnitude and because they
22 involve the crossing of state and sometimes of international
23 boundaries which necessitates federal coordination of planning
24 and programming; and

25 WHEREAS, the Congress and the President have traditionally
26 and wisely recognized the important problems and major activities
27 of the nation by providing for cabinet representation, for ex-
28 ample, the Department of Agriculture and the more recent Depart-
29 ment of Health, Education and Welfare; and

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1 WHEREAS, contrary to the critics of the proposed Department
2 of Urban Affairs and Housing, the department would not weaken our
3 federal system but rather will strengthen its local government
4 base and give additional impetus to the states to establish in
5 their own jurisdictions similar agencies to advise and assist
6 local government units;

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
8 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the President
9 is commended for his action in creating the Department of Urban
10 Affairs and Housing; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United States
12 is requested to make every effort to affirm the creation of the
13 Department of Urban Affairs and Housing; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to
15 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, the President of the United States;
16 the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Repre-
17 sentatives; the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice-President of
18 the United States and President of the Senate; and the members
19 of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.
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