

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to competitive sealed bid

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contracts for road maintenance in

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northwestern Alaska.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION

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ASSEMBLED:

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WHEREAS, the heavy road maintenance equipment in northwestern

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Alaska which has to date been supplied to the division of highways

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by the division of equipment operation of the Department of Public

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Works consists of one AC caterpillar shipped into Nome in 1949 and

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one leaning-wheel Adams grader of World War I vintage; and

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WHEREAS, the northwest district office of the division of

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highways is not headed by a fully qualified highway engineer; and

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WHEREAS, as a result of the poor equipment, road maintenance

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in the northwest district is not being properly performed, and the

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costs of doing what is done approach \$2,000 per mile; and

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WHEREAS, Federal-aid Highway Act money cannot be approved by

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the Bureau of Public Roads for construction unless the state can

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show that it has the financial ability to maintain these roads; and

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WHEREAS, these conditions combine to jeopardize the future of

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the whole program of highway maintenance and construction in north-

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western Alaska; and

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WHEREAS, private contractors using up-to-date equipment could

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maintain the roads to the satisfaction of the inhabitants and the

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Bureau of Public Roads at less than the present cost per mile;

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second

HR #21

1 Legislature, First Session assembled, that all road maintenance
2 work in northwestern Alaska be let immediately on competitive bid
3 contracts until such time as the state division of highways can be
4 equipped with enough modern, efficient, and economical road main-
5 tenance equipment, and adequately trained supervisory personnel to
6 permit the division of highways to perform with efficiency and
7 dependability its road maintenance responsibilities.

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