

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR METCALF

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Urging the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers  
6 to dredge the Seward small boat harbor  
7 basin for purposes of restoring the  
8 original depth and moorage area of same.

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

11 WHEREAS, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers originally con-  
12 structed the Seward small boat harbor basin in 1931, located at  
13 Seward, Alaska, near the head of Resurrection Bay, and made further  
14 improvements to same in 1937 and again in 1956, with the total  
15 cost to the federal government for such work approximating the  
16 sum of \$300,000.00; and

17 WHEREAS, the present Seward small boat harbor has served many  
18 and numerous commercial fishing vessels of the Seward area and of  
19 adjacent Alaska coastal communities as a refuge and shelter from  
20 bad weather for over 29 years; and

21 WHEREAS, the present Seward small boat harbor has also served  
22 as a place of launching and as a storm shelter for the numerous  
23 small pleasure craft owned by Anchorage residents and transported  
24 by trailer over the highway from Anchorage to Seward during the  
25 summer months; and

26 WHEREAS, during recent years, the Seward small boat harbor  
27 has also frequently served as a place of protected moorage for the  
28 smaller craft of the U. S. Army Transport Service; and

29 WHEREAS, the present small boat harbor basin has become

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1 partially filled with deposits of glacial silt, deposited there  
2 by the normal action of the tides, and materially reducing the  
3 depth and area of useable mooring space of the harbor basin itself  
4 for use by fishing and pleasure craft, and also making it im-  
5 possible for the larger fishing vessels to enter the basin at  
6 ordinary low tide; and

7 WHEREAS, it is understood that the U. S. Army Corps of  
8 Engineers is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the  
9 proper depth and area of all small boat harbor basins heretofore  
10 constructed by that agency;

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
12 Second Legislature, First Session assembled; that the U. S. Army  
13 Corps of Engineers is urged to take the proper steps, in the spring  
14 of 1961, necessary to remove and to dredge out all accumulated  
15 deposits of silt from the Seward small boat harbor basin and to  
16 restore this small boat harbor basin to its former depth and  
17 original moorage area; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed  
19 to the Honorable Elvis J. Stahr, Secretary of the Army; Colonel  
20 Christian Hanburger, District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, U. S.  
21 Army; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest  
22 Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers,  
23 Representative in Congress from Alaska.

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