

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR METCALF

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the use of classroom
6 and dormitory space at Seward,
7 Alaska, in order to provide
8 secondary education and housing
9 for Alaska Native and other
10 students.

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

13 WHEREAS, many Native and other students of the Alaska
14 Peninsula and adjacent remote areas of Alaska have long been
15 denied the right and the opportunity to obtain a secondary edu-
16 cation, due to the lack of proper and available school buildings
17 and dormitory facilities; and

18 WHEREAS, the construction and staffing of new schools and
19 dormitory facilities in such remote areas is both expensive and
20 difficult; and

21 WHEREAS, there presently exists available classroom space
22 in the Seward High School, which could easily handle more than
23 fifty additional students; and

24 WHEREAS, there also presently exists the former Seward
25 General Hospital building, owned by the City of Seward, but now
26 vacant, which could easily and economically be converted into a
27 boys' dormitory, capable of accommodating fifty or more students;
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29 WHEREAS, a recent November, 1960, "Cost of Food" Survey

1 revealed retail food prices to be cheaper in Seward than in any
2 other city in Western Alaska; and

3 WHEREAS, the City of Seward is easily accessible from all
4 parts of Alaska, by reason of being presently served by air,
5 rail, highway, and water transportation; and

6 WHEREAS, there already exists in the City of Seward a well-
7 established culture, consisting of modern elementary and high
8 schools, modern hospital and medical facilities, numerous
9 churches of eleven different faiths, plus all of the modern con-
10 veniences ordinarily found in a first class city;

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
12 Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Department
13 of Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the
14 Commissioner of the State Department of Education are urged and
15 requested to take such steps as are necessary, in joint and co-
16 operative action, to investigate and survey the practicability
17 and the feasibility of the possible use of such facilities for
18 the purpose of housing and educating, on the secondary level,
19 fifty or more of such students from the Alaska Peninsula and
20 adjacent remote areas of Alaska; and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be directed
22 to the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior;
23 the Honorable Glenn L. Emmons, Commissioner of Indian Affairs;
24 the Honorable James E. Hawkins, Area Director, Bureau of Indian
25 Affairs; the Honorable Dr. Theo J. Norby, Commissioner of Educa-
26 tion, State of Alaska; and the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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