

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR METCALF

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the construction of the
6 proposed Resurrection River Valley
7 Highway and urging that construction of
8 same be given a high priority in the
9 overall planning and development of the
10 Alaska Forest Highway Program.

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

13 WHEREAS, the proposed Resurrection River Valley Highway Route,
14 extending from Mile 3 on the Seward-Moose Pass Highway to the
15 vicinity of Mile 56 on the Sterling Highway, could effect a saving
16 of approximately 25 miles in the one-way driving distance between
17 the ice-free and deep-water seaport city of Seward and the Swanson
18 River oil well fields; and

19 WHEREAS, such a substantial reduction in driving distance
20 would provide a much quicker and more economical means for the
21 transportation of freight and supplies from the ice-free port of
22 Seward to the Kenai area and the adjacent Swanson River oil well
23 fields than is presently afforded by the circuitous route through
24 Moose Pass; and

25 WHEREAS, there presently exists, adjacent to such proposed
26 route, numerous tourist attractions of glaciers, sport fishing,
27 hunting and recreational areas; and

28 WHEREAS, the proposed route lies in an area not exceeding 700
29 feet in elevation and comparatively free from the heavy snowfalls

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1 experienced in other areas; and

2 WHEREAS, the greater portion of such proposed route lies
3 within the boundaries of the Chugach National Forest; and

4 WHEREAS, the U. S. Forest Service, U. S. Bureau of Public
5 Roads and the Alaska Department of Public Works, recognizing the
6 foregoing potential and economic advantages, have seen fit, in
7 setting up the Forest Highway Program for the summer of 1961, to
8 schedule an engineering survey of this proposed highway route for
9 the purpose of determining its feasibility;

10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
11 Second Legislature, First Session assembled, in the event the
12 proposed survey scheduled for 1961 confirms the feasibility of
13 such a highway route, that the construction of the proposed
14 Resurrection River Valley Highway be given high priority in the
15 overall planning and development of the Forest Highway System by
16 the Alaska Department of Public Works, U. S. Bureau of Public
17 Roads, and U. S. Forest Service in joint and cooperative action;
18 and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
20 the Honorable Rex. M. Whitten, Federal Highway Administrator,
21 Bureau of Public Roads, U. S. Department of Commerce; the Honorable
22 Richard E. McArdle, Chief, Forest Service, U. S. Department of
23 Agriculture; the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska;
24 the Honorable P. D. Hanson, Regional Forester, Forest Service;
25 the Honorable Richard A. Downing, Commissioner, Alaska Department
26 of Public Works; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable
27 Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J.
28 Rivers, Representative from Alaska.

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