

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to extending the jetties,  
6 deepening the channel, and  
7 replacing the dredge at Nome.

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

10 WHEREAS, the communities on the Bering Sea are dependent on  
11 the sea to provide them access to other areas of Alaska and the  
12 United States; and

13 WHEREAS, these communities have inadequate harbor facilities,  
14 which present a danger to navigation and impede the free flow of  
15 commerce; and

16 WHEREAS, these communities are economically depressed,  
17 partially because of additional transportation expenses resulting  
18 from their inadequate harbor facilities; and

19 WHEREAS, the city of Nome has been particularly handicapped  
20 by the absence of suitable harbor facilities; and

21 WHEREAS, the situation in Nome would be greatly improved if  
22 the jetties were extended and the channel deepened to permit  
23 deep-sea barges to ply the waters of the channel; and

24 WHEREAS, these improvements must be maintained by seasonal  
25 dredging and the existing dredge is 38 years old and now serves  
26 more of a tourist attraction due to its quaint picturesqueness  
27 reminiscent of by-gone gold rush days and should be replaced in  
28 the best interest of the government;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
SJR #38 as amended by the House -1-

1 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Corps of  
2 Engineers is respectfully urged to make the following improvements  
3 at Nome: first, extend the jetties approximately 350 feet;  
4 second, deepen the channel to approximately 8 feet; and third,  
5 provide a new dredge the type of which shall be determined by the  
6 U. S. Army Engineers; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the old clamshell dredge together  
8 with its tugboat the "Carpenter" shall be transferred to Unalakleet  
9 to be used in dredging the channel of the Unalakleet River for  
10 the remainder of the useful life of this equipment; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to  
12 the Honorable H. H. Buckman, President, and the Honorable Overton  
13 Brooks, Member of Congress and Chairman, National Rivers and  
14 Harbors Congress, Washington, D. C.; the Honorable Elvis J. Stahr,  
15 Secretary of the Army; Lt. General E. C. Itschner, Chief of  
16 Engineers, U. S. Army; Colonel Christian Hanburger, District  
17 Engineer, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army; the Honorable E. L.  
18 Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska;  
19 and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative in Congress  
20 from Alaska.

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