

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE  
AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Act of Congress of  
6 January 21, 1929 granting 100,000  
7 acres of land for the support and  
8 maintenance of the University of Alaska.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE IN SECOND LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION  
10 ASSEMBLED:

11 WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States by Act of January  
12 21, 1929 (48 USCA 354a) did grant to the Territory of Alaska  
13 100,000 acres of land for the support and maintenance of the Alaska  
14 Agricultural College and School of Mines and did confirm said grant  
15 to the State of Alaska by the Alaska Statehood Act of July 3, 1958;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska by Ch. 34,  
18 SLA 1929, did accept the grant of lands and designate the Board of  
19 Trustees of the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines to  
20 select the lands granted and to sell or lease the same and cover  
21 the proceeds into the Territorial Treasury, which said designation  
22 was confirmed to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska  
23 as successor to the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Agricultural  
24 College by Ch. 49, SLA 1935; and

25 WHEREAS, the restrictions contained in the original grant by  
26 the United States to the Territory are still in full force and  
27 effect and severe in nature, providing that proceeds of sale or  
28 lease of lands must be placed in a special fund in the State  
29 Treasury and invested by the State and further providing that only

1 the income and not the principal from the invested funds shall be  
2 made available for the support and maintenance of the University  
3 of Alaska, and further providing that said income shall not be  
4 applied directly or indirectly under any pretense whatever to the  
5 purchase, erection, preservation or repair of any building or  
6 buildings; and

7 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University is the  
8 proper agency of the state government to determine the investment  
9 or use of the proceeds from the sale or lease of the lands granted  
10 by the Act of January 21, 1939, for the benefit of the University;

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, First  
12 Session Assembled, that the United States Congress is respectfully  
13 urged to amend the Act of January 21, 1929, 48 USCA 354(a), to  
14 provide that the proceeds from the sale or lease of lands granted  
15 thereunder be invested or used by the Board of Regents of the  
16 University of Alaska in whatever manner it deems to be for the  
17 best interests of the University; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to  
19 the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States;  
20 the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the Senate; the  
21 Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives;  
22 the Chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the  
23 House of Representatives; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the  
24 Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and to the  
25 Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska, urging all  
26 said persons to support legislation carrying out the intent of  
27 this resolution.

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