

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the inclusion of the
6 Anchorage-Fairbanks Highway and a
7 portion of the Alaska Highway in
8 the National System of Interstate
9 and Defense Highways.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is now the only state excluded
12 from the national interstate and defense highway system; and

13 WHEREAS, this exclusion is based upon 1959 information used
14 in a report of the Bureau of Public Roads when the state had no
15 Department of Highways and there was little or no information on
16 which to base traffic projections or anticipate related develop-
17 ments; and

18 WHEREAS, the 1960 report could not or did not take cognizance
19 of:

20 1. The development of the oil industry in Alaska,

21 2. The inauguration of the state marine highway system
22 and its subsequent expansion and success,

23 3. The unprecedented increase in highway traffic re-
24 lated to the successful promotion and expansion of the tourist
25 industry and the use of the marine highway system, and

26 4. The completion and expansion of the Ballistic Mis-
27 sile Warning complex at Clear and the continued high use of
28 the highway system by the several other military installa-
29 tions adjacent to or on the state's road system; and

1 WHEREAS, the exclusion of Alaska from the Federal Aid High-
2 way Act in all the years preceding statehood when combined with
3 the fact that highways meeting the criteria for the interstate
4 system have been constructed and reconstructed from regular ABC
5 allotments urgently needed for other state highway projects
6 creates an imperative need for the inclusion of part of the Alaska
7 highway system in the national interstate and defense highway
8 system; and

9 WHEREAS, along with the unanticipated development of the
10 state and the continuing problem of trying to catch up with high-
11 way needs, there is the concomitant interest in Congress in having
12 the Alaska Highway as it traverses Canada improved;

13 BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of Commerce is requested
14 to have the Bureau of Public Roads review the request of the
15 State of Alaska for the inclusion of the Anchorage-Fairbanks High-
16 way and that portion of the Alaska Highway located in the state
17 and to submit a recommendation to Congress pursuant to Section 13
18 (c) of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1962 to add the routes noted
19 to the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways; and be
20 it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
22 the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States;
23 the Honorable Carl Hayden, President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
24 the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Repre-
25 sentatives; the Honorable Luther H. Hodges, Secretary of Commerce;
26 the Honorable Clarence D. Martin, Jr., Under Secretary of Commerce
27 for Transportation; the Honorable Rex M. Whitton, Federal Highway
28 Administrator, Bureau of Public Roads; and the members of the
29 Alaska delegation in Congress.