

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR V. PHILLIPS

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 53

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the expanded use of  
6 Alaska as a troop training  
7 center and an area for missile  
8 activity.

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

10 WHEREAS, the strategic location and the availability of vast  
11 land areas in Alaska are facts well established by military  
12 authorities; and

13 WHEREAS, the age of missiles has arrived and we are now  
14 mainly dependent on domestic sites where practice firing cannot  
15 be done or on overseas sites which we may be deprived of by over-  
16 night political changes; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to affording excellent sites for missile  
18 installations and practice ranges, Alaska offers ideal terrain  
19 for troop training under conditions which would prevail in likely  
20 future trouble spots of the world; and

21 WHEREAS, the proximity of Alaska as the crossroads of the  
22 world to domestic military bases, our overseas bases in Europe,  
23 and potential areas of trouble, makes its use as the nation's  
24 main military training ground and testing center a military and  
25 economic necessity;

26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Defense is urged to  
27 take full advantage of the opportunities for military training  
28 and practice in Alaska by expanding those activities in Alaska  
29 which are now accomplished at great expense and under unsatis-

1 factory and insecure circumstances in the less well-situated  
2 states or in overseas places where our continued military  
3 presence is subject to uncertainty; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be directed  
5 to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United  
6 States; the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense;  
7 the Honorable Cyrus R. Vance, Secretary of the Army; the Honor-  
8 able Paul H. Nitze, Secretary of the Navy; the Honorable Eugene  
9 M. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force; Major General Raymond J.  
10 Reeves, Commanding General, Alaskan Command; Major General Ned  
11 D. Moore, Commanding General, U. S. Army Alaska; Major General  
12 James C. Jensen; Commander, Alaska Air Command; and the members  
13 of the Alaska Delegation in Congress.

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