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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 77

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the Bureau of Indian
6 Affairs to construct and provide
7 funds for the operation of dormi-
8 tories at regional high schools in
9 the state.

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

11 WHEREAS the legislature has established and is implementing
12 a plan for a system of regional high schools throughout the state;
13 and

14 WHEREAS the regional high school system will offer a compre-
15 hensive curriculum of broad academic and vocational education with
16 extensive guidance and counseling services; and

17 WHEREAS a regional high school will offer these services to
18 all the children, many of them native pupils historically the
19 responsibility of the Department of the Interior, in the entire
20 region served by the school, with the resulting need for dormitory
21 facilities; and

22 WHEREAS implementation of this system is in concert with the
23 "Agreement of Understanding on Educational Policies", developed
24 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the state Department of Education,
25 and the United States Office of Education and dated March 1, 1962,
26 in which it is recognized that the plans for expansion of present
27 high school educational facilities and transfer of Bureau of
28 Indian Affairs schools to the state will "necessarily require con-
29 tinued federal financial participation", and in which it is agreed

1 that "the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the State of Alaska con-
2 sider the establishment of regional comprehensive high schools
3 with necessary domiciliary facilities an acceptable approach in
4 providing secondary education"; and

5 WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs has given the regional
6 high school concept approval and impetus in agreeing to provide
7 funds for the operation of dormitory facilities at Kodiak, and
8 has given additional assistance to the state school system by con-
9 structing a dormitory at the William E. Beltz Vocational School
10 at Nome; and

11 WHEREAS location of these dormitory facilities at the sites
12 of the regional high schools will not only serve the educational
13 purpose but will also afford necessary opportunities for the
14 pupils to enlarge their potential human experiences through a
15 broad interchange of cultural, social, and recreational activities
16 between the pupils and other segments of the community;

17 BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is respect-
18 fully requested to utilize a sufficient amount of the funds
19 allocated for providing educational facilities for native children
20 in Alaska to construct, and to provide funds to the state for the
21 operation of dormitories as described below:

- 22 (1) at Bethel for approximately 300 pupils;
- 23 (2) at Fairbanks for approximately 500 pupils; and
- 24 (3) at Anchorage for approximately 1000 pupils.

25 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable
26 Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable John W.
27 Gardner, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare; the Honorable
28 Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Owen
29 Morken, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and to the

1 Honorable E.L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S.
2 Senators, and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative,
3 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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