

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 95

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the transfer of the
6 Alaska Agricultural Experiment
7 Station facilities and program
8 responsibility from the United
9 States Department of Agriculture
10 to the University of Alaska.

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

12 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is the only state of the 50
13 states that does not have essentially complete control of its own
14 agricultural experiment station; and

15 WHEREAS it would be beneficial to this state to have the
16 United States Department of Agriculture:

17 (1) convey and transfer without monetary consideration
18 to the University of Alaska the lands and buildings, together with
19 improvements and appurtenances thereto, of the Alaska Agricultural
20 Experiment Station at Palmer and Matanuska, Alaska; and

21 (2) allocate the direct federal funds, appropriated
22 annually to the Agricultural Research Service for research in
23 Alaska, to the proper divisions of that service exclusively for
24 research in Alaska in cooperation with the University of Alaska's
25 Agricultural Experiment Station, in order to operate the experi-
26 ment station on a basis comparable with those in the other states;
27 and

28 WHEREAS splitting the salaries between the federal government,
29 the state government and the University of Alaska, and the

1 confusion of personnel as to which agency they are answerable to
2 is not for the best interests of research or the agencies involved;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, at one time, the University of Alaska was in charge
5 of the experimental station but lost that status due to an Act of
6 Congress, but now the University having gained stature, the Depart-
7 ment of Agriculture believes that Alaska can take its place with
8 the other 49 states, if suitable legislation is passed by Congress;

9 BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States pass a
10 bill authorizing and directing the Department of Agriculture to
11 convey and transfer to the University of Alaska the lands and
12 buildings, together with improvements and appurtenances thereto,
13 of the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station at Palmer and
14 Matanuska, Alaska; and

15 COPIES of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B.
16 Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable Orville L.
17 Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture; and to the Honorable E. L.
18 Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and
19 the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of
20 the Alaska delegation in Congress.