

Offered: 4/2/69
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE SENATE

BY B. PHILLIPS

2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the financing of vitally
6 needed tourist accommodations and
7 facilities within the state.

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

9 WHEREAS in 1968 the tourist industry was the fourth largest industry in
10 the state and accounted for \$30,000,000 contributed to the gross state
11 product; and

12 WHEREAS a recently completed study prepared for the federal Economic
13 Development Administration and the state Department of Economic Development
14 estimates that by 1975, \$80,000,000 will be spent annually by tourists in
15 the state; and

16 WHEREAS the study reveals that some 2,200 persons are now engaged in
17 the tourist industry in the state and this number is expected to increase
18 to 4,000 persons by 1975; and

19 WHEREAS the rapidly developing tourist industry is being critically
20 hampered throughout the state as a result of insufficient and in many areas
21 nonexistent tourist accommodations and facilities; and

22 WHEREAS the present lack of accommodations and facilities results
23 primarily from the fact that adequate financing is not now available to
24 provide such facilities in urban areas, and financing is virtually nonexis-
25 tent in rural areas because of the absence of banks and other lending
26 agencies; and

27 WHEREAS the economy of the state and its image will be significantly
28 damaged unless action is taken immediately to increase tourist accommoda-
29 tions and facilities within the state;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature respectfully requests the Governor
2 to direct the Department of Economic Development to recommend to the Legis-
3 lature specific alternate plans which will offer means of either public or
4 private financing for tourist accommodations and facilities within the state
5 and to submit its recommendations to the Second Session of the Sixth Legisla-
6 ture.

7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29