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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the immediate need for
6 federal funds to construct dormitory
7 facilities at Tok, Fort Yukon and
8 Dillingham.

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

10 WHEREAS ever since the early 1960's the people of Alaska have believed
11 in and the Alaska Legislature has cooperated with the federal government
12 in the farsighted concept of establishing regional high schools to be
13 located strategically throughout the state with residential facilities to
14 complement them for the rural students; and

15 WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs has always realized that better
16 than 90 per cent of the land in Alaska still is under federal jurisdiction
17 and produces only a negligible amount of revenue for the state, and therefore
18 has agreed to provide the residential facilities (dormitories) and their
19 operational costs if the state would construct the regional and area academic
20 facilities and fund their operational costs; and

21 WHEREAS with this commitment the state has consistently moved ahead
22 and introduced and passed regional bond issues to construct the academic
23 facilities in designated regions and areas; and

24 WHEREAS this coordinated program for regional high schools has continued
25 between the state and the federal government with marked success; and

26 WHEREAS the present plan of the regional high school program calls
27 for a 60-student dormitory at Tok, a 60-student dormitory at Fort Yukon and
28 an 80-student dormitory at Dillingham; and

29 WHEREAS on the basis that the appropriations for these three facilities

1 were to be budgeted in the President's budget for fiscal year 1972, the
2 state directed regional bond funds, approved by the electorate in the 1970
3 general election, to expand the academic facilities in these schools; and

4 WHEREAS, it now appears that the Bureau of the Budget or Department of
5 the Interior has deleted the projects at Tok, Fort Yukon and Dillingham
6 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs construction budget in favor of other
7 projects; and

8 WHEREAS the State of Alaska was not notified of this until the budget
9 was submitted and thus allowed no time for an appeal for reconsideration;

10 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature respectfully requests that
11 a supplemental request be made to the Department of the Interior's budget
12 for the three dormitories (at Tok, Fort Yukon and Dillingham) plus an addi-
13 tional \$3,000,000 to construct the 300-student dormitory at Anchorage, or
14 smaller dormitories at McGrath, Bethel, or St. Mary's.

15 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Rogers C. B.
16 Morton, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Robert P. Mayo,
17 Director, Bureau of the Budget; the Honorable Louis R. Bruce, Commissioner,
18 Bureau of Indian Affairs; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens, and the Honorable
19 Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U. S. Representa-
20 tive, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.