

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS it is charged by the present incumbent of the office of Labor Commissioner, through a report filed by him with the Secretary of the Senate, that his predecessor in office and one of his employees in said office, who is now a member of the Senate of this Assembly, in the discharge of their duties as such Commissioner of Labor and employee in said office were guilty of acts of misconduct, fraud and irregularity in this: that the said former Commissioner did remove, carry away, destroy and abstract from the files of said office, records, papers, telegrams and other documents belonging to said office, and during his said incumbency did use the facilities, funds and supplies of said office to advance his personal and political interest, and that said employee while thus employed and then being a candidate for election to the Senate of this Assembly, did use the facilities, supplies and funds of said office to further his political interests and campaign; and

WHEREAS such charges of misconduct, fraud and irregularity have been published in the Press of the Territory and the said former employee, now being a member of the Senate of this Assembly, on the floor of the Senate has demanded that said charges be promptly and thoroughly investigated and their truthfulness or untruthfulness established; and

WHEREAS it becomes of vital importance to this and subsequent legislatures that the methods to defeat the laws of this Territory by its officers or employees be known, in order that adequate legislation to circumvent such methods may be enacted by this or subsequent legislatures and the evidence of the violations be preserved for assistance to this or any subsequent legislature desiring to legislate upon the subject:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE CONCURRING

That a committee of investigation be appointed immediately upon the passage of this Concurrent Resolution, to consist of the Judiciary Committees of the Senate and the House, said Committee to be known as the "Committee of Investigation;" The said committee shall investigate, determine and report to this Legislature:

FIRST: The organization and the method and manner in which the Department of Labor has been carried on since it began to function on July 1st, 1941;

SECOND: Whether the former Commissioner of Labor did, either at the expiration of his term of office, or at any other time, carry away, secrete, or destroy any of the records, papers, telegrams or other documents, belonging to the Office of the Labor Commissioner and did fail, neglect or refuse to deliver or turn over to his successor in office, all of the records, books, papers and other documents belonging to said office;

THIRD: Whether the said former Commissioner of Labor, during his incumbency did use the facilities, supplies or funds of said office for his personal use and benefit or to further his political interests;

FOURTH: Whether the former employee of said office against whom the hereinbefore mentioned charges have been presented and published now a member of this assembly, while employed in such office, did use the facilities, supplies or funds of said office to further his campaign for election to this Assembly.

Said committee shall investigate the charges contained in the preamble to this Resolution provided that where evidence is heard it shall be at public hearings, in so far as such investigation will enable the legislature to amend and strengthen the present laws and pass new and additional ones to detect and prevent misconduct, fraud and irregularities on the part of the Commissioner of Labor or other public officers and their employees.

Said committee shall elect its own chairman and clerk and prescribe its rules of procedure; it shall cause the testimony of all witnesses to be taken by a competent reporter and shall make a report to this legislature and shall accompany such report with the evidence taken by it, and its recommendations for such changes in the present laws, touching the office of Labor Commissioner or other public offices, and the enactment of such new laws as the evidence adduced and the facts developed may demand for the safety and security of the rights of the people of this Territory.

Each member of said committee shall have power to administer oath to any person who may appear before it. It shall have power

to issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses before it. It shall give due and timely notice of the time and place of its hearings to the persons charged and such notice shall contain a true, correct and complete copy of this Concurrent Resolution, and the charges filed. Service of all notices, process, subpoenas and other documents shall be made by the Sergeant at Arms of the House or Senate, at the election of the Chairman of said Committee, and shall be signed by him and attested by the Committee's clerk.

It shall have the power to incur such reasonable expense in connection with the said investigation as may be necessary in the premises.

The Attorney General is hereby appointed counsel for the said Committee; he shall examine and cross examine all persons testifying before it and shall perform such other duties in connection with said investigation as may be assigned to him by the Committee.

Passed by the Senate, February 8, 1943.

Passed by the House, February 9, 1943.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in Joint Session on Monday, the eighth day of March, 1943, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. of said day, for the purpose of confirming or rejecting of the appointments made by His Excellency the Governor of the Territory of Alaska of the following named persons for the following named offices;

Anthony Zorich of Ketchikan, Alaska, as a member of the Unemployment Compensation Commission, whose term is to expire February 1, 1949.

George Vaara of Anchorage, Alaska, as a member of the Unemployment Compensation Commission, whose term is to expire February 1, 1947.

Ernest F. Jessen of Fairbanks, Alaska, as a member of the