

## HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 14

TO THE HONORABLE ERNEST GRUENING, GOVERNOR OF ALASKA; TO THE ALASKA AERONAUTICS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION; TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION FOR THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twentieth Session assembled, respectfully represents:

WHEREAS, there are more than six hundred inhabitants residing at Gambell on St. Lawrence Island; and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence Island is closed to boat travel approximately seven months of each year; and

WHEREAS, the present airfield at Gambell is not useable during the fall freeze-up and spring break-up periods; and

WHEREAS, there are no doctors or nurses or hospital facilities at Gambell; and

WHEREAS, emergencies often arise which require immediate transportation to or from the Island; and

WHEREAS, it is the declared purpose of the Alaska Aeronautics Act, as expressed in Section 2 of Ch. 123 S. L. A. 1949, to establish and operate a territorial system of airports; and

WHEREAS, it is possible under the Federal Airport Act to obtain matching money for the construction of airports.

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives, in Twentieth Session assembled, respectfully requests that immediate action be taken by the Territorial Department of Aviation for the construction of an adequate airfield at Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska, or, in the alternative, for the repair of the existing field.

AND YOUR MEMORIALIST WILL EVER PRAY

Passed by the House February 10, 1951

Approved by the Governor February 13, 1951.