

Senate Joint Resolutions

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Authorizing the Transfer of the Castle Hill Site by the City of Sitka to the Territory of Alaska and Providing for Acquisition of any Interest of the United States therein and Providing for Maintenance of Castle Hill as an Alaskan Historical Site.

WHEREAS, there is in the City of Sitka a parcel of land containing $1\frac{1}{4}$ acres known as Castle Hill which was the site of famous Baranof Castle, residence and headquarters of the Governors of Russian America for many years prior to acquisition of the Territory by the United States on this spot in 1867, and on which site the flag of the United States was first raised over Alaska; and

WHEREAS, this site was then used as administrative headquarters of the United States Government in Alaska for many years; and

WHEREAS, under Act of Congress of July 7, 1932, 47 Stat. 609, 614 (7 USC 386 g), C. F. Marvin, Acting Secretary of Agriculture, transferred the Castle Hill grounds and

buildings to the City of Sitka, Alaska on the 2nd day of November, 1932, subject to the condition "that should said property ever be sold, assigned, transferred, leased or used for commercial purposes, title thereto shall revert to the United States of America"; and

WHEREAS, it is the expressed desire of the Legislature that the Territory of Alaska initiate a program of acquisition and preservation of outstanding historical sites in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sitka has expressed a willingness to transfer the Castle Hill Site without charge, to the Territory of Alaska for the uses and purposes herein mentioned; and

WHEREAS, by Section 12, Chapter 136 Session Laws of Alaska 1953, the Territorial Land Commissioner is empowered to accept in the name of the Territory of Alaska and administer any lands acquired by the Territory; and

WHEREAS, it is possible but un-

certain that the United States may have or claim some interest in the Castle Hill Site other than the reservation hereinbefore mentioned.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Regular Session Assembled, that The City of Sitka be, and is hereby empowered to execute such instrument or instruments of grant and conveyance as may be necessary and appropriate to transfer to the Territory of Alaska its title and interest to the Castle Hill Site in the City of Sitka, designated as Lot 8, on the plan of settlement at New Archangel (Sitka) attached to the Protocol of Transfer signed by Lovell H. Rosseau, United States

Commissioner and Alexis Pestchouroff, Russian Commissioner, as appears in House Executive Document No. 125, 40th Congress, 2nd Session; and

The Land Commissioner is directed to do and perform such acts as may be necessary to acquire in the name of the Territory of Alaska the interest of the City of Sitka and/or the United States Government in such property, and to do such things as may be necessary to restore and maintain the Castle Hill site as an Historical Site of Alaska. An appropriation sufficient to carry out the intent of the Legislature as expressed herein is authorized.

Passed by the Senate March 11, 1955

Passed by the House March 17, 1955

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Requesting the Federal Government to grant to the Territory of Alaska a 10.27 Acre Tract of Land and Improvements Thereon being a Portion of the Juneau Subport, Located in the City of Juneau.

WHEREAS there is owned by the Federal Government within the City of Juneau, Alaska a tract of land known as the Juneau Subport, on which has been erected a ware-

house and wharf, all of which was used by the United States Army during World War II as a transshipment port and a portion of which, comprising approximately 10.27 acres and containing the warehouse facility, is now believed to have become surplus to the needs of the United States Government; and

WHEREAS it is understood that approximately 80 feet of the Ju-