

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska:

WHEREAS, development of the mineral resources of the Territory of Alaska is of vital importance to the economic growth and future prosperity of the Territory and to the national defense of the United States and its territories and possessions; and

WHEREAS, the development of mineral deposits has been hindered in many instances by the lack of access roads to mine sites, and by the great financial burden of constructing such roads to new sites which is often imposed upon miners and prospectors; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of

Alaska's development everything possible should be done to encourage the search for and development of mineral deposits within the Territory,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska in Twenty-third Session assembled, that the Highway Engineer is hereby directed, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Mines and with the approval of the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners, to provide for construction of needed access roads to mines, where his budget permits.

Passed by the House March 21, 1957.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska in Regular Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, March 30th marks the 90th anniversary of the conclusion of the Treaty of Cession of Alaska from Russia to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Article III of the Treaty of Cession admitted inhabitants of the ceded area to "the enjoyment of all the rights, advantages and immunities of citizens of the United States" and thereby gave initial and unique promise of Alaska's attaining, among those rights and advantages, self government in the American tradition; and

WHEREAS, many such rights,

advantages and immunities have been denied the citizens of Alaska because of its Territorial status; and

WHEREAS, it has been adequately demonstrated during ninety years that Alaskans firmly believe in and adhere to the principles of constitutional government; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska have manifested their belief in such principles by adopting a constitution for the State of Alaska, which contains the same safeguards and insures the same rights as the Constitution of the United States.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Territory of

Alaska, in Twenty-third Session assembled, that March 30, 1957 be further designated "Liberation Day" and that the people of Alaska on this date celebrate their liberation from Russian colonial bondage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United

States be urged to grant statehood to Alaska by March 30, 1957 and further resolved that should Alaska's quest for statehood be realized by March 30, 1957, that this day, now known as "Seward Day", also be designated "Statehood Day".

Passed by the House March 11, 1957.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska:

WHEREAS, the number of persons operating motor vehicles on Alaska roads and highways, including nonresidents as well as residents, is steadily increasing, and because of the greater use of said highways, vehicle accident frequency is steadily mounting in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the present Alaska motor vehicle law, in many areas, is not consistent with up-to-date laws and practices in the states, and said laws do not provide protection to persons suffering damages from personal injury or property damage in motor vehicle accidents caused by uninsured or financially irresponsible motorists;

WHEREAS, the scope of law involved is of such magnitude as to require a considerable study and review of the present practices and possible alternatives;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-third Session assembled, that the Alaska Legislative Council is directed to make a thorough study of the motor vehicle laws, and especially of the methods of establishing and administering an adequate and feasible financial responsibility law and to report thereon to the Twenty-fourth Legislature.

Passed by the House March 21, 1957.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

Relating to school facilities at Big Delta.

WHEREAS, the population of the area surrounding Big Delta, Alaska, is increasing rapidly; and

WHEREAS, at the present time there are 117 children, including

both military and civilian population who live off-post from Fort Greely and who are now attending the Territorial school on Fort Greely; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there will be 267 children, including military and civilian population