

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

living off-post from Fort Greely to be served within the next few years; and

WHEREAS, the present school facilities at Fort Greely, consisting of one new school and temporary classrooms will be insufficient to handle this increased school population; and

WHEREAS, there is an existing school site at the junction of the Alaska and Richardson Highways which has been surveyed and set aside for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, off-post children are now picked up and transported to the Fort Greely Territorial School at an approximate mileage of 1600 miles each month;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-

Third Session assembled, that the Territorial Board of Education and Commissioner of Education be instructed to intensively survey the school population, both present and projected, in the Big Delta area; to analyze the costs of transporting pupils to the Fort Greely Territorial School; to determine present and future building needs to best serve this area; and to determine whether it is feasible to plan for erection of school facilities at Territorial expense at Big Delta; and if such construction of school facilities at this location is deemed necessary, to make preliminary plans and cost estimates upon which a request for construction funds may be made to the next session of the Territorial Legislature.

Passed by the House March 21, 1957.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

Relating to the construction of a main or central mental health hospital.

WHEREAS, Public Law 830, 84th Congress, 2nd Session, authorizes the construction of a hospital and other facilities in Alaska for the carrying out of a comprehensive mental health program; and

WHEREAS, such construction program is to be in accordance with a plan developed by the Territory in consultation with the Public Health Service and approved by the Surgeon General; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska has been advised of alternate plans; and

WHEREAS, one of the prime determinations to be made is the lo-

cation of a main or central hospital; and

WHEREAS, the principle considerations in determining where such a main or central hospital should be located are (1) medical, (2) humanitarian, and (3) financial; and

WHEREAS, in determining the medical factor, the City of Anchorage (1) has the best potential for a medical training center, (2) concentrates the largest medical population, (3) is presently the medical center for Alaska, and (4) has the largest public health service hospital available, both for coordination and facilities; and

WHEREAS, in determining the humanitarian factor, the City of Anchorage (1) is easily accessible