

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

because of its transportation facilities, thus affording patients the opportunity of visitation by their families and friends, (2) is favored with many cultural benefits to help rehabilitate those committed to a mental hospital, and (3) is located in the least confining climate zone of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, in determining the financial factor, the City of Anchorage (1) is situated in a locality where the cost of construction, including materials, utilities and maintenance, are minimum for the population served, and (2) has the largest labor resources for the construction and maintaining of a mental health hospital, thus assur-

ing the easy procurement of needed personnel,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-Third Session assembled, that Charles Hayman, M.D., Commissioner of Health for the Territory of Alaska, and on its behalf, is hereby directed to develop a comprehensive construction program to provide for the construction of a main or central mental hospital in or near the City of Anchorage.

Passed by the House March 26, 1957.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

Relating to investigation to determine need for legislation to regulate public utilities.

WHEREAS, the people in and about the City of Anchorage are being served by two utilities, one municipal and one cooperative; and

WHEREAS, such utilities are duplicating services and are continuously engaged in unnecessary, bitter, and repetitious bickering and controversies, including court litigation; and

WHEREAS, such disputes have resulted in the incurring of additional, wasteful expenses, which have been charged back against the consumers and thus resulted in excessive rates for the furnishing of essential and needed services; and

WHEREAS, the Territory of Alaska is without a public utilities

commission to make investigations and to regulate rates and standards of service; and

WHEREAS, The Territory of Alaska is in urgent need of such a commission or some like regulatory body because of the continuing growth of cities and other areas in Alaska;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Territory of Alaska, in Twenty-Third Session assembled, that the Legislative Council is directed to conduct hearings in and about the City of Anchorage to determine ways and means of bringing about more efficient, economical and better services to the consumers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council is directed to invoke its authority to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel the