

Alaska, passed both Houses but was vetoed by the President; and

WHEREAS, it is now proposed by the present administration that Federal participation be decreased gradually each year until the Federal Aid Program for public airport development ceases entirely with resultant decreased Federal participation in the cost of constructing public airports in the States; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is dependent on air transportation to a greater degree than any other state or territory as alternative means of transportation serve only limited areas; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1 has been introduced in the United States Senate, which bill, to all intents and purposes continues the broad financial assistance

necessary to further the construction of needed aviation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the defense and development of the State of Alaska are intimately linked with its aviation facilities and an accelerated airport construction in Alaska is essential to the defense of the United States;

NOW THEREFORE, Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska, in First Session assembled, respectfully urges that the Congress and the President of the United States immediately enact into law Senate Bill No. 1.

**And your Memorialist will ever pray.**

Passed by the House February 17, 1959.

#### HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 4

**To the Honorable Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture; the Honorable David A. Hamil, Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, United States Representative from Alaska:**

Your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Alaska, in First Session Assembled, respectfully submits that:

WHEREAS, under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (49 Stat. 1363), as amended, the Congress of the United States has established the Rural Electrification Administration under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Rural Electrification Administration is to make loans in states and make or cause to be made studies, investigations and reports concerning the conditions and progress of electrification and the furnishing of adequate telephone service to the rural areas of states and to publish and disseminate information with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Federal legislation establishing the Rural

Electrification Administration to make generally available to rural areas adequate electrical and telephone service through the medium of loans for financing construction and operation of generating plants, electrical transmission and distribution lines or systems and financing improvement, expansion, construction, acquisition and operation of facilities to render telephone service; and

WHEREAS, the interests of national defense and the economic welfare of the State of Alaska require that adequate electrical and telephone service be extended to rural areas;

NOW THEREFORE, your Memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska in First Session Assembled, respectfully urges that the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration acting upon the jurisdiction and authority of the Secretary of Agriculture make or cause to be made studies, investigations and reports concerning the condition and progress of electrification and the furnishing of adequate telephone service in rural areas in the State of Alaska, with a view toward the intensification of the Rural Electrification Administration program in the State of Alaska.

**And your Memorialist will ever pray.**

Passed by the House February 26, 1959.