

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Relating to the Fairbanks and Anchorage airports.

Be it Resolved by the Senate of the State of Alaska in the First Legislature, First Session Assembled, the House Concurring:

WHEREAS, it appears that the President and Congress of the United States of America may turn over, and give title to, the State of Alaska, the Fairbanks and Anchorage International Airports along with other landing fields now owned and controlled by the Federal government, in the near future; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that Congress will provide funds for airport construction in the State of Alaska during the fiscal year of 1959-1960 to be allocated to the entire state with the possibility of using such funds as matching funds under the federal act; and

WHEREAS, the International Airport at Fairbanks, Alaska, is essential for an alternate landing port for military and transpolar landings both from a standpoint of distance and weather, and to provide for the coming of jet transportation; and

WHEREAS, the best interests of the

United States of America and the State of Alaska would be served by having two, or more, airports in Alaska capable of allowing the largest planes to land and take off;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Alaska in First Legislature First Session assembled, the House concurring, that of the sum of money provided by the Congress of the United States for expenditure on airports in the State of Alaska during the 1959-1960 fiscal year, and on a matching fund basis in so far as possible, a sufficient amount be spent by the State of Alaska for the lengthening of the International Airports at Fairbanks and Anchorage, Alaska, in order that trans-polar, all-weather and military emergency landing fields be established and constructed; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Hugh J. Wade, Acting Governor of Alaska; and the Alaska Aeronautics and Communications Commission.

Passed by the Senate March 11, 1959.

Passed by the House March 19, 1959.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Relating to a small boat harbor at Bethel.

Be it Resolved by the Senate of the State of Alaska, First Legislature, First Session, the House of Representatives Concurring:

WHEREAS, there is a natural harbor known as Brown Slough separating the old village and the present townsite of Bethel; but which has become nearly useless because of silting and tidal action; and

WHEREAS, this natural harbor is in serious need of dredging to accommodate the expanding boating activity which is an essential element in the economy of the Bethel area; and

WHEREAS, the dredging of this natural harbor could be accomplished with a minimum of effort and cost to the benefit of the area and the state; and

WHEREAS, the project could be accomplished from the monies now available for water and harbor projects now available to the Central District in the Water and Harbor Facilities Fund;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Alaska in the First Legislature, First Session assembled, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor be and hereby is requested to direct the Commissioner of Highways and Public Works to proceed with all dispatch to accom-

plish the necessary dredging of Brown Slough at Bethel to return that natural harbor for small boats to a condition al-

lowing for maximum beneficial use.

Passed by the Senate March 11, 1959

Passed by the House March 19, 1959.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Relative to directing the Commissioner of the Highway and Public Works Department, and to requesting the Bureau of Public Roads to construct a road between Eureka and Rampart.

Be it Resolved by the Senate of the State of Alaska in the First Legislature, First Session Assembled, the House Concurring:

WHEREAS, if Alaska is to develop and assume its rightful place in the Union of States, a highway system must be developed; and

WHEREAS, the village of Rampart on the Yukon River has a rich mining past and potential and could serve as an alternate port for the shipment of military supplies up and down the Yukon River in the event of a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, only seventeen miles of road need to be constructed to connect the Livengood road out of Fairbanks with Rampart, and gravel for such road building is available over the entire route; and

WHEREAS, a road to Rampart would open new land for mining, agriculture

and tourism, as the area is rich in resources, including game and sports fishing and has many other tourist attractions and road funds or allotments for the area could better be diverted from other proposed projects for the good of Alaska and the United States at this time;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Alaska, the House concurring, that the Governor of the State of Alaska direct the Commissioner of Highways and Public Works and the United States Bureau of Public Roads be urged, to use any road funds available to be spent in the Central District area of Alaska to construct a seventeen-mile graveled road connecting the Livengood Road at Eureka with Rampart; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Hugh J. Wade, Acting Governor of Alaska, the Honorable Frank A. Metcalf, Commissioner of Highways and Public Works, and the Honorable Edgar H. Swick, Regional Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads.

Passed by the Senate March 12, 1959.

Passed by the House March 19, 1959.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Be it Resolved by the Senate in the First Legislature, First Session Assembled, the House of Representatives Concurring:

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Alaska, Article XII, Sections 6 and 7, provides for the establishment of a Merit System and a Retirement System for employees of the State; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 108 and House Bill No. 188 have been introduced by the respective Rules Committees at the request of the Governor to accomplish these two purposes; and

WHEREAS, the members of the First Session of the Alaska Legislature, being in sympathy with such principles, note that time is very limited for the study of the details of these plans before the probable date of adjournment of this First Session; and

WHEREAS, it is further recognized that the adoption of a sound merit and retirement plan is important in retaining present employees, as well as in recruiting of future employees;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in the First Legislature, First Session Assembled, the House