

House Joint Resolutions

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

Relating to research programs for the shrimp industry.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled:

WHEREAS, recent federal research in the Gulf of Alaska has revealed great quantities of commercial shrimp; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these incomplete findings the shrimp industry has greatly increased its capital investment and activity in Alaska thus adding a further great potential product to the fisheries of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the further expansion of this potentially great fishery is directly dependent on detailed information avail-

able about the habits and habitat of the shrimp; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has as yet no exhaustive information nor adequate facilities for the investigation of the sources and habit of this potentially great resource;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the State Department of Fish and Game proceed with all possible speed and dispatch to establish an adequate research program to facilitate the swift advancement of this struggling industry.

Passed by the House February 3, 1960.

Passed by the Senate February 10, 1960.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Relating to the proposed deactivation of the 71st Air Rescue Squadron.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled:

WHEREAS, the 71st Air Rescue Squadron, stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, has been of immeasurable service and value to the people of Alaska, both civilian and military; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that this invaluable and essential air rescue squadron be deactivated for economy reasons; and

WHEREAS, the need for this air rescue squadron in Alaska is no less great, indeed greater, than ever before; and

WHEREAS, while Alaska is the most air minded state in the Union for want of other means of transportation, it is also the most hazardous state in which to fly because of its fierce and unpredictable storms, its rugged mountains, and its unique meteorological and geophysical

conditions which often cause complete radio black-outs over large areas; and

WHEREAS, these hazards are multiplied by the absence of the many safety facilities for flying in the other states, such as beacon-lighted flyways, interlocking radio directional systems, large numbers of emergency landing strips, ubiquitous roads for rescue operations and guides to lost pilots; and

WHEREAS, these conditions demand not only that there be a rescue force in being, but also such a rescue force be specially trained and of the highest caliber, such as the 71st Air Rescue Squadron; and

WHEREAS, the deactivation of the 71st Air Rescue Squadron may cause aggravated injury and death of dozens of flyers, both military and civilian;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, that it vigorously opposes the proposed deactivation of the 71st Air Rescue Squadron, that it

finds the proposed deactivation to be harmful, and that it urges the Administration and the Congress to place the lives and safety of its citizens before the needs of a balanced budget; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States; the Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr., Secretary of Defense; the Hon-

orable James H. Douglas, Secretary of the Air Force; Major General Conrad F. Necrason, Commander, Alaska Air Command; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; and the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska.

Passed by the House February 12, 1960.

Passed by the Senate February 18, 1960.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

Relating to Federal action on unemployment insurance.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled:

WHEREAS, under our federal form of government it has long been recognized that the economy of each state is the concern of the several others; and

WHEREAS, in three periods of economic depression in the United States, unemployment insurance has proven itself to be the major bulwark against spiraling depression and valuable curative to a faltering economy; and

WHEREAS, an unhealthy economy in one part of the nation has a bad effect upon other parts of the nation, making those other parts vitally concerned with restoring each part's economy to a healthy status; and

WHEREAS, a bill, S. 791 has been introduced in the Congress by farsighted legislators who recognize the interrelationships so characteristic of this nation's economy and who intend by this bill to initiate a uniformity in unemployment insurance so necessary to this nation's economy;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, that it supports S. 791 and urges the Congress to enact it; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Senator John F. Kennedy and the Congressional delegation from Alaska.

Passed by the House February 15, 1960.

Passed by the Senate February 18, 1960.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

Relating to stating the legislative policy concerning the road program conducted by the Department of Public Works.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled:

WHEREAS, there exists within the State of Alaska a great and immediate need for roads to promote the development of natural resources, agriculture, industry and tourism; and

WHEREAS, although the state currently has both state and federal funds available for an expanded road program, a

severe shortage of available state funds for maintenance, for matching federal aid appropriations and for administration could result at the end of the transitional period if proper planning and policy are not followed; and

WHEREAS, considering these important factors, it becomes apparent that the legislature must give the Department of Public Works immediate and effective policy direction as to the state road program;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legisla-