

WHEREAS, it becomes increasingly apparent that there is a real need for additional vocational education in the public schools system; and

WHEREAS, the federal government and several private foundations have expressed an interest in the furtherance of vocational education; and

WHEREAS, it is up to the state to investigate the possibility of procuring grants-in-aid for the furtherance of vocational education in this state;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, that a Vocational

Education Executive Committee be formed to be composed of the secretary of state, as chairman, a member of the staff of the Department of Education, a faculty member of the University of Alaska, a member of the legislature or from the state at large, and a member of the educational staff of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee determine the need, desirability, feasibility, cost, benefits, and availability of grants for vocational education from sources both public and private.

Passed by the House March 29, 1960.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38

Relating to location of principal offices of Division of Highways.

Be it Resolved by the House in First Legislature, Second Session assembled:

WHEREAS, the vast majority of highway mileage is in the western part of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, maintenance, construction and design of state highways are best accomplished when executive offices supervising highways are located within a reasonable distance of the areas of responsibility;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the principal offices of the Division of Highways of the Department of Public Works be located in western Alaska on the state highway network prior to 1 January 1961; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be directed to the Governor, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of the Division of Highways.

Passed by the House March 29, 1960.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39

Relating to state and federal cooperation with Canada on the Alaska Highway.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives in First Legislature, Second Session assembled:

WHEREAS, the only means of highway connection between Southeastern Alaska and the Interior and the Westward is the Haines Cut-off, running through Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Haines Cut-Off is closed for much of the year due to heavy snows which can be cleared only at great expense; and

WHEREAS, Canada has expressed its willingness to keep the Haines Cut-Off open year around at such time as traffic on the Cut-off makes such a project feasible; and

WHEREAS, this effort on the part of Canada is a gratifying display of good neighborliness, most of the road's traffic being not Canadian but rather American;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the state and federal governments do all in their power to extend to Canada the cooperation and aid which it will need to operate the

Haines Cut-off throughout the year, and if possible, to make such year around operation a reality as soon as possible; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the members of the Alaska International Rail and

Highway Commission, to Christian A. Herter, the Secretary of State, and to Ernest Gruening, Senator from Alaska, and Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska.

Passed by the House March 29, 1960.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40

Relating to state acquisition of the Wickersham Collection and establishing a Wickersham Shrine.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives in First Legislature, Second Session assembled:

WHEREAS, Judge James Wickersham came to Alaska in the year 1900 and established government and courts from the border to the Bering Sea and from Point Barrow to Southeastern Alaska, and in 1908 was elected as Delegate to Congress; and

WHEREAS, Judge James Wickersham was one of those rare persons who not only played a vital role in history, but also wrote and contributed to the study of history; and

WHEREAS, Judge Wickersham compiled and collected manuscripts, documents, books, maps, tales, and artifacts of Alaska which, together with his personal diaries, writings and letters comprise the most outstanding and valuable single holding of Alaskana now extant; and

WHEREAS, this collection and compilation of historical documents and records of Russian America from the time of Bering's exploration to 1867 when it was purchased by the United States, including Alaska's time as a District, and its early years as a Territory, is much sought after by other libraries and mu-

seums, and its acquisition by one of them might mean its removal from Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the state would be remiss to the point of criminal negligence were it to allow this outstanding historical collection to be taken from it; and

WHEREAS, the House of Wickersham, by virtue of its location, architecture and furnishings is typical of early Alaskana, and should, together with the Wickersham Collection, be preserved for posterity, and would, as a Shrine, be a great asset to the state as a tourist attraction as well as a research center for studies of historical significance; and

WHEREAS, there are national Foundation funds available for restoration and establishment of historical shrines;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Governor actively seek funds from available Foundation grants or on behalf of the state enter into negotiations for the acquisition of the Wickersham home and collection for the purpose of establishing an Alaskan Historical Shrine, and that the Governor report on the progress with interested parties and negotiations, and make recommendations to the next legislature as to the best method of state acquisition of this collection.

Passed by the House March 29, 1960.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 41

Relating to a study on the feasibility of using certain radio equipment to facilitate search and rescue operations in Alaska.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives in First Legislature, Second Session assembled:

WHEREAS, adverse weather, limited