

# Senate Joint Resolutions

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

**Relating to federal aid to Alaska for road construction.**

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

WHEREAS, the state of Alaska, having the largest area of all the several states, has only 3,000 miles of roads, of which only 1,070 are paved; and

WHEREAS, only two of this state's larger cities are connected by road or rail, the rest being isolated one from another except for air or water transport; and

WHEREAS, this situation is the direct result of the policy followed by the federal government when Alaska was still a territory; and

WHEREAS, that policy was one which placed the burden of every excise tax for road construction upon Alaskans but denied Alaskans an equal share in the benefits thereof; and

WHEREAS, the total amount for road construction which Alaska would have received as a state from 1917 through 1959 is \$575,600,000 but the total amount Alaska actually received was only \$84,700,000;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, urge the Congress of the United States to enact legislation which will aid this state to acquire the adequate road system so long denied it during its many years as the undernourished ward of the federal government and to erase the inequities which were so long imposed; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this legislature commend and support the proposals of the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senator from Alaska, in his memorandum of December 4, 1959, to the Committee of Public Works of the United States; 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 Dennis Chavez, Senator from New Mexico and Chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Works; 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 Senate January 29, 1960.

Passed by the House February 4, 1960.

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

**Relating to the proposed nuclear explosion at Cape Thompson.**

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

WHEREAS, a fundamental necessity for the preservation of the democratic process is an informed public; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Cape Thompson area have expressed a wish to be informed more thoroughly of the proposed nuclear explosion at that location; and

WHEREAS, it would be a grievous

breach of public faith and trust not to comply with the wishes of the people so deeply concerned;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Atomic Energy Commission is requested to make every effort to inform all the residents of the Cape Thompson area of its plans in that area and of all the potential and possible effects of the proposed nuclear explosion at the Cape; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be mailed to the Honorable John A. McCone, Chairman of the

Atomic Energy Commission; the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, Senators from Alaska; the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, Representative from Alaska; the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska

and Commissioner Phil R. Holdsworth, State Coordinator of Atomic Development Activities.

Passed by the Senate February 4, 1960.  
Passed by the House February 15, 1960.

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

**Relating to the late Victor C. Rivers.**

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

WHEREAS, during the interval between legislative sessions death has taken from the service of the state a distinguished public servant, the Honorable Victor C. Rivers; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rivers served as the President of the Senate during the last session of the Territorial Legislature; and

WHEREAS, he had earned the respect of all Alaskans for his service in the public interest as an able legislator, delegate to the Constitutional Convention, and energetic member of the Alaska Statehood Committee in the long and successful fight for sound government and statehood; and

WHEREAS, his integrity and record of accomplishment will always be a goal for those who aspire to the finest traditions of unselfish public service; and

WHEREAS, his devoted service to Alaska both as a Territory and a State has left and will continue to leave its mark on the progress and accomplishments of Alaska;

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, that this resolution serve as a token of the esteem and high regard of the members of the Legislature for the late Senator Victor C. Rivers, and be transmitted to Mrs. Victor C. Rivers as an expression of their sincerest condolences and best wishes.

Passed by the Senate February 3, 1960.  
Passed by the House February 5, 1960.

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

**Relating to the construction of International Highway No. 97 from Fairbanks to Nome.**

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

WHEREAS, it is manifest that the extension and development of transportation lines and facilities are essential to the national interest in the development and defense of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, both federal and state authorities have long been aware of the need and desirability of extending International Highway No. 97 from Fairbanks to Nome as part of this development and defense plan; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the Fairbanks-Nome highway would benefit both

the nation and the state by making possible the economic development of the oil and tin deposits in the Kateel and Lost River areas and other known mineral resources of the region; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the highway to Nome will end the surface isolation of the vital air defense and communication defense installations at Galena and the numerous White Alice sites along or adjoining the proposed Fairbanks-Nome route;

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in First Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the appropriate agencies of the federal government be urged to plan and construct the extension of International Highway No. 97 from Fairbanks to Nome with all deliberate speed; and be it