

# House Joint Resolutions

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

**Relating to the ratification of a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States granting representation in the electoral college to the District of Columbia.**

**Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session Assembled:**

That the following article proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States by the Congress of the United States through the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 39, Eighty-sixth Congress, Second Session, is ratified:

“Article —

“Section 1. The District constituting the seat of Government of the United States shall appoint in such manner as the Congress may direct:

“A number of electors of President and Vice President equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives in Congress to which the District would be entitled if it were a State, but in no event

more than the least populous State; they shall be in addition to those appointed by the States, but they shall be considered, for the purposes of the election of President and Vice President, to be electors appointed by a State; and they shall meet in the District and perform such duties as provided by the twelfth article of amendment.

“Sec. 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of Alaska shall duly certify the necessary number of copies of this resolution and transmit them pursuant to law to the Administrator, General Services Administration, and direct facsimile copies to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House January 26, 1961.

Passed by the Senate February 10, 1961.

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

**Relating to the use of the natural gas supply at Barrow by the citizens of that community.**

**Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session Assembled:**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Barrow, Alaska, are in desperate need of fuel with which to heat their homes during the harsh Arctic winter; and

WHEREAS, this desperate need is a chronic, annual occurrence caused by Barrow's extreme isolation from its artificially determined sources of fuel supply; and

WHEREAS, a ready source of natural gas for fuel is now being used at Barrow, but exclusively by the federal government as a private monopoly for the several federal agencies located at Barrow; and

WHEREAS, this source of fuel, although

held as a private monopoly by the federal government, is rightly the property of all the people — its discovery, exploitation, transmission, and even its very monopoly use being paid for from the tax moneys of the people, including the citizens of Barrow; and

WHEREAS, the only argument advanced against the use of the natural gas by the citizens of Barrow is that such use will result in a more rapid diminution of the source than will the private, restricted use of the several federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, these federal agencies would never want for fuel even if the gas were completely expended and the only suffering they would experience would be inconvenience rather than cold such as the citizens of Barrow must suffer; and

WHEREAS, the welfare of our citizens is immeasurably more important than is the convenience of any or all the federal

agencies, and the convenience of any government should never be placed before the welfare of the people from which all legitimate government springs and in which all legitimate powers of government rest; and

WHEREAS, former Secretary of the Interior Seaton promised the people of Barrow that he would do all possible to supply them with natural gas; that his department was not opposed to such a move; that only technical, legal difficulties stood in the way of such a move; and that if these difficulties could not be solved administratively he would "initiate legislation making the gas available to the Barrow Eskimos";

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Interior are respectfully

urged to take appropriate action at the earliest possible date to make the natural gas supply at Barrow available to the people of that community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States; the Honorable Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Robert MacNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Lyndon Johnson, President of the Senate; 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 6, 1961.

Passed by the Senate February 10, 1961.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

**Relating to legislation concerning domestic gold.**

**Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session Assembled:**

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced into the United States House of Representatives which would direct the United States Treasury to pay \$70 per fine ounce for newly mined domestic gold and would require that the Treasury charge \$70 per fine ounce on the sale of gold for domestic, industrial, professional and artistic use; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would encourage and stimulate the domestic gold production industry of Alaska and other mining areas of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the legislation affects only domestic production and will not disturb or unsettle the international monetary relationships of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the prosperity of the entire country depends in large part on the successful utilization of our great natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the present decline in United States gold production results from many factors, including the fixed gold price of

\$35 an ounce; and

WHEREAS, the revival of the Alaska and the national gold industry could benefit the entire country and could serve as an aid in halting the loss of national gold reserves;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the United States Congress is respectfully urged to take favorable action on H.R. 2573, raising the price of domestic gold, as introduced by Representative Ralph J. Rivers; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States; the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the Senate; the Honorable Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives; to the chairmen of the Banking and Currency, Interior and Insular Affairs, and Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committees of the United States House of Representatives; to 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 January 31, 1961.

Passed by the Senate February 10, 1961.