

greatly dependent on air transportation; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alaska, realizing the importance of air transportation, voted in the November 1960 election to issue \$1,500,000 in general obligation bonds to finance the construction of bush airfields; and

WHEREAS, the population in the area of the lower Kuskokwim River and the Kuskokwim Bay is growing rapidly, but the productive utilization of its population and the growth of the economy is slowed by the lack of air transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the lack of these facilities results in difficulty in shipping freight, poor mail service and unsatisfactory personal transportation, especially in transporting emergency patients quickly to the hospital in Bethel; and

WHEREAS, the people in this area con-

sider that the construction of bush airfields is the most important public works project applicable to their region; and

WHEREAS, during the fall and spring months the only means of transportation in or out of the following communities is by air:

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second Legislature, First Session assembled that the Governor of the State of Alaska urge the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works to construct bush airfields in the following communities: Kwinhagak, Nunapitchuk, Tanunak, Kwigillingok, and Goodnews; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that funds be provided for this construction from the bush airfield bond issue ratified by the people of Alaska in the November 1960 election.

Passed by the House March 21, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18

Relating to highway construction in Alaska.

Be It Resolved by the House in Second Legislature, First Session Assembled:

WHEREAS, Alaska is the only state in the Union which has been excluded from the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways; and

WHEREAS, until 1956 Alaska was totally excluded from federal highway legislation and is even now included on a reduced basis; and

WHEREAS, as a result of past neglect and discrimination on the part of the federal government, Alaska now has a wholly inadequate road net; and

WHEREAS, the nation can derive no benefit from the infinitely rich and varied resources of Alaska without adequate roads to provide access to them; and

WHEREAS, defense is hampered and the nation imperiled by the absence of

transportation routes in a most important part of the continent;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second Legislature, First Session assembled that the Congress of the United States be respectfully urged to appropriate an additional sum of not less than \$15 million a year for twenty years for the development of highways in Alaska; 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 Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Rex M. Whitten, Administrator of the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Commerce; 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 28, 1961.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19

Relating to the construction of a snow shed at Mile 39, Glenn Highway.

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