

WHEREAS, there presently exists, adjacent to such proposed route, numerous tourist attractions of glaciers, sport fishing, hunting and recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route lies in an area not exceeding 700 feet in elevation and comparatively free from the heavy snowfalls experienced in other areas; and

WHEREAS, the greater portion of such proposed route lies within the boundaries of the Chugach National Forest; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Forest Service, U. S. Bureau of Public Roads and the Alaska Department of Public Works, recognizing the foregoing potential and economic advantages, have seen fit, in setting up the Forest Highway Program for the summer of 1961, to schedule an engineering survey of this proposed highway route for the purpose of determining its feasibility;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, in the event the proposed survey scheduled for 1961 confirms the feasibility of such a highway

route, that the construction of the proposed Resurrection River Valley Highway be given high priority in the overall planning and development of the Forest Highway System by the Alaska Department of Public Works, U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, and U. S. Forest Service in joint and cooperative action; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Rex M. Whitten, Federal Highway Administrator, Bureau of Public Roads, U. S. Department of Commerce; the Honorable Richard E. McArdle, Chief, Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture; the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable P. D. Hanson, Regional Forester, Forest Service; the Honorable Richard A. Downing, Commissioner, Alaska Department of 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 March 16, 1961.

Passed by the House March 21, 1961.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

Relating to federal aid to education.

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

WHEREAS, an aid to education bill essential to the future of public education in the United States is now under consideration by the Congress of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the formula which the bill prescribes for the determination of the amount of aid to be given each state depends upon certain income figures; and

WHEREAS, these income figures, when compared with like figures for other states, do not fairly represent the actual wealth and purchasing power of the citizens of Alaska, but rather reflect the high cost of living which results from geographical remoteness and consequent high transportation costs; and

WHEREAS, the result of the operation of this formula is artificially to place Alaska, which needs assistance in its edu-

cational program as badly as almost any state in the Union, in the same minimum aid bracket as such wealthy, highly industrialized states as New York and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the bill for amendment of the law under which aid is provided to federally impacted areas would cause such a reduction in aid to those areas as to result in a net loss to Alaska if it were passed; and

WHEREAS, by reason of a combination of such natural factors as a widely scattered population, a cold climate, and vast area, and of factors produced by past federal neglect and discrimination, Alaska is faced with many additional and severe educational problems:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, First Session assembled that the Congress of the United States be respectfully urged to so amend S. 1021 or any like bill as to compensate for the high costs in and peculiar to the problems of Alaska,

and to provide aid which will accord to Alaskan education its fair share of support; and be it

A. Ribicoff, secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; and to the Alaska delegation in Congress.

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable

Passed by the Senate March 21, 1961.
Passed by the House March 31, 1961.
