

WHEREAS, the road building effort of the state has been concentrated on primary roads for which federal matching funds are available; and

WHEREAS, while incidental attention is being given to marine highways and pioneer access roads, the construction and maintenance of vital Class B secondary roads has been neglected; and

WHEREAS, Class B secondary roads have been built mostly by intrepid home-steaders opening up and developing new areas and resources adjacent to the primary highway system; and

WHEREAS, it is realized that, while public monies are scarce, the secondary road system and its importance to the development the state should not be overlooked; and

WHEREAS, the lack or deterioration of these vital secondary roads is having an

adverse socio-economic effect on many areas of Alaska; over-burdened mothers must carry children on their backs to the nearest paved highways; jeeps, cars and trucks are bogged down in the spring mud; the divorce rate goes higher when wives are mud-spattered for a whole season; and some children cannot get to school and others must trudge five miles or more to find transportation to school;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Department of Public Works is requested to give earnest consideration to making some provision for a program of Class B secondary road construction and maintenance to include Class B secondary roads in its planning and programming for 1961 and subsequent years, particularly in the Gold Stream Valley area near Fairbanks, and the Willow, Wasilla and Rabbit Creek areas.

Passed by the Senate March 11, 1961.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

Relating to the construction of an area high school at Tanana.

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

WHEREAS, the purpose of education to aid in solving economic problems of the villages of interior Alaska is failing due to a complete lack of schools above the elementary level; and

WHEREAS, Tanana is an ideal location for an area high school due to its air service facilities, its hospital, its situation on the Yukon River, and the fact that no liquor is sold in the village; and

WHEREAS, an area high school at Tanana would attract students from many villages of the interior that are now denied an education; and

WHEREAS, there is good reason to believe that the Bureau of Indian Affairs

will construct a dormitory to house students if a high school is built;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, First Session assembled that the Commissioner of Education determine the type and cost of construction of a high school at Tanana; that he contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs with reference to constructing a dormitory in connection with such proposed high school and, if the dormitory construction report is favorable, that the commissioner include in his 1962-1963 budget a sufficient sum to cover the state's share of constructing the proposed high school at Tanana, Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska; and to the Honorable Theo J. Norby, Commissioner of Education.

Passed by the Senate March 9, 1961.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

Relating to proposed Federal Aid to Education.

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

WHEREAS, a high level of education is absolutely essential to national and individual progress; and

WHEREAS, throughout the country educational opportunity falls far short of ideal standards; and

WHEREAS, many states in the Union and their political subdivisions have reached the practical limits of their taxing power, and can find no further sources of revenue; and

WHEREAS, the rapid growth of population in the nation, and particularly in Alaska, demands immediate vigorous action if the concomitant educational demands are to be met; and

WHEREAS, by far the best solution to this problem, if not the only solution, is a concerted nationwide effort, guided and in

part financed by the federal government;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Congress of the United States be respectfully urged to take quick and effective action to put into effect a comprehensive federal program of Aid to Education with maximum local control; 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 Abraham A. Ribicoff, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; 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 7, 1961.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

Relating to the late R. E. Robertson.

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature has received the sad news of the passing of the Honorable R. E. Robertson of Juneau, one of Alaska's most distinguished pioneer residents; and

WHEREAS, after a half-century of distinguished private endeavor and public accomplishment his record of service will always be a model for those who aspire to the finest traditions of individual enterprise and unselfish public service; and

WHEREAS, R. E. Robertson, during his career of over half a century in Alaska, was an outstanding citizen and lawyer of the Territory and State of Alaska, and served the people of Juneau and Alaska in various important capacities; having served as Mayor of Juneau from 1920 to 1923; President of the Juneau School Board from 1924 to 1947; Chairman of the Home Service Section of the Juneau Chapter of the American Red Cross from 1917 to 1945; Delegate to the Alaska Constitutional Convention in 1955; Trustee, Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines, 1925 to 1933; member of the Board of Uniform Law Commissioners for Alaska; member of the Board of Territorial Law Examiners of the

First Judicial Division of Alaska from 1929 to 1955; member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association from 1944 to 1960; President of the Juneau Chamber of Commerce in 1924 and 1935; member of the Board of Managers and National Councillor to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce from 1933 to 1937; Territorial Treasurer of the Republican National Ways and Means Committee; candidate for the U. S. Senate in 1958; and

WHEREAS, he rendered such capable and efficient service in these various capacities, so as to win the respect and high esteem of all who knew him;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Legislature notes with sorrow the passing of a distinguished Alaskan, R. E. Robertson, who contributed so much to Alaska, and hereby expresses its sincerest condolences to Mrs. R. E. Robertson and her family on their loss, which is also a loss to the State of Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the pages of this day's journal; and that the original be suitably engrossed and addressed to Mrs. R. E. Robertson.

Passed by the Senate March 2, 1961.