

WHEREAS, he served the old Second Division as a member of the Territorial House for four terms and the Territorial Senate for one term;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, First Session assem-

bled, that the condolences of the Senate are hereby extended to Mrs. Valerie Scott and her family on their personal loss, which is also a loss for the people of Alaska.

Passed by the Senate March 11, 1961.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

Relating to the establishment of an agricultural station in the Glennallen-Copper Center area.

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

WHEREAS, it is extremely important to the future of Alaska that a varied economy be developed; and

WHEREAS, a large return may be expected to the state and the nation from a comparatively small outlay by developing and encouraging farming and husbandry in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Glennallen-Copper Center area is one of the two major areas of Alaska presently suited for farms, and is now being opened up for development; and

WHEREAS, the other major agricultural area is served by an agricultural station at Palmer, which is too distant to be of

real benefit to the inhabitants of the Glennallen-Copper Center area; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an agricultural station in that area could, by discovering and developing strains of plants and animals particularly suited to the area, materially assist its development, and therefore that of the state;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Department of Agriculture of the United States be respectfully urged to establish an agricultural station adapted to the needs of the community in the Glennallen-Copper Center area as soon as possible; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Orville L. Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate March 11, 1961.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

Relating to the establishment of a microwave circuit by Trans-Alaska Telephone Co. for long distance telephone calls between Anchorage, Alaska and Kenai, Alaska via Mt. Susitna.

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

WHEREAS, hundreds of residents of the Kenai Peninsula communities of Ninilchik, Clam Gulch, Kasilof, Coopers Landing, Tustumena, Halibut Cove and adjacent rural areas are without telephone communication; and

WHEREAS, feasibility studies show extension of Trans-Alaska Telephone Company's Kenai Peninsula telephone systems to serve residents now without telephone service is not economically feasible unless

Trans-Alaska Telephone Company can compete for toll revenue from long distance telephone calls between existing Kenai Peninsula exchanges and the City of Anchorage telephone exchange; and

WHEREAS, all long distance telephone calls between the City of Anchorage telephone exchange and Trans-Alaska Telephone Company exchanges at Kenai, Soldotna, Sterling, Anchor Point, Homer and Seldovia must now be routed exclusively through United States Army owned Alaska Communications System facilities; and

WHEREAS, such Alaska Communications System facilities are part of the military Integrated Communications System of Alaska, designed and used jointly for military defense, general governmental agency communication, and commercial use, al-

though such system does exist primarily for military defense purposes; and

WHEREAS, present State of Alaska civil defense plans call for utilization of Kenai Peninsula communities as reception centers by Greater Anchorage residents under certain emergency conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Communications System circuits presently assigned for civilian use, even if available, could probably not carry the amount of long distance traffic which would be generated between Anchorage and Kenai Peninsula communities in the event of a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, establishment of a vital alternate telephone communications link between Anchorage and Kenai Peninsula communities would provide prudent additional safeguards for protection of the health and welfare of a considerable segment of Alaska's population; and

WHEREAS, the Trans-Alaska Telephone Company has the equipment, plant facilities and technical staff needed to establish microwave circuits for handling long distance telephone calls between the City of Anchorage and Kenai Peninsula communities via Trans-Alaska Telephone Company's already established Mt. Susitna microwave installation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Anchorage has signed an inter-connect agreement with Trans-Alaska Telephone Company which provides for routing of telephone calls between Kenai Peninsula communities and the City of Anchorage telephone system via Trans-Alaska Telephone Company's microwave circuits; and

WHEREAS, rates for Anchorage-Kenai Peninsula telephone calls, if routed via Trans-Alaska Telephone Company's Mt. Susitna micro-wave facility, might well be equal to or appreciably less than present

toll rates charged by the Alaska Communications System; and

WHEREAS, such Trans-Alaska Telephone Company microwave circuits are not now in operation due to the objections of the Alaska Communications System to issuance of the necessary license by the Federal Communications Commission; and

WHEREAS, such continued denial of a license to Trans-Alaska Telephone Company to operate microwave circuits between Anchorage and Kenai via Mt. Susitna is retarding the normal development of needed communications on the Kenai Peninsula, and is inimical to the safety, welfare and best interests of the residents of the Kenai Peninsula, Greater Anchorage area and the State of Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, First Session assembled, that the Public Service Commission of the State of Alaska is respectfully urged to grant a certificate of public convenience and necessity to Trans-Alaska Telephone Company for operation of microwave circuits between Anchorage and Kenai via Mt. Susitna, and is further urged to request that the Federal Communications Commission issue the necessary license to Trans-Alaska Telephone Company for operation of the above mentioned microwave circuit; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States; the Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee; the Chairman, House Armed Services Committee; Secretary, Department of Defense; Secretary, Department of the Army; the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Commander-in-Chief, Alaskan Command; Commanding General, United States Army, Alaska; and the Alaska delegation to Congress.

- Passed by the Senate March 11, 1961.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

Relating to hearings on lifting the ban on the importation of Russian crabmeat.

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

WHEREAS, it has been reliably reported

that the United States is considering the lifting of the ban on the importation of crabmeat from the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, Alaska King Crab is the outstanding and only example of a new development in the Alaska fisheries which