

House Concurrent Resolutions

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Relating to the establishment of uniform assessment procedures.

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

WHEREAS Section 3, Article IX of the state constitution provides that standards for appraisal of all property assessed by the state or its political subdivisions shall be prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS there is now no provision in the law to assure a uniform, equalized, and realistic assessment of property throughout the state; and

WHEREAS fairness in the collection of taxes and the distribution of state funds to political subdivisions, especially for school purposes, demands uniform, equalized, and realistic assessment on a statewide basis; and

WHEREAS, in order to prescribe standards, the legislature must have information as to existing practices in Alaska and in other states, as to recent practices and theory, and as to assessment problems peculiar to Alaska;

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

bled, the Senate concurring, that the Local Affairs Agency prepare for the First Session of the Third Legislature a study of assessment problems and procedures in Alaska, initiate and cooperate with the local units of government in the preparation of a manual for assessors to enable them to assess uniformly throughout the state, and prepare a report recommending any legislation necessary to establish uniform, equalized, and realistic assessment throughout Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Affairs Agency is authorized to inspect the records of equalization, and of any other person or agency charged with any duty pertaining to the assessment of property; and that all persons in all levels of government and private persons who have assessment functions give the Local Affairs Agency full cooperation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the director of the Local Affairs Agency is authorized to employ a person skilled in assessment matters, and to hold any hearings which are in his opinion necessary to the preparation of the study, the manual, or the report.

Passed by the House April 1, 1961.

Passed by the Senate February 23, 1962.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28

Relating to the late Arthur D. Johnson.

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

WHEREAS, during the interval between legislative sessions, death has taken from us our able colleague, Representative Arthur D. Johnson of Nome; and

WHEREAS his untimely death resulted from an aircraft accident while he was piloting a plane on a mercy mission in adverse weather; and

WHEREAS the circumstances of his death typified the devotion to service he applied when acting in a personal and public capacity; and

WHEREAS the Legislature in its own bereavement wishes to express its condolences to the family of its late colleague;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, the Senate concurring, that this resolution serve as an expression of the esteem and high regard of the Legislature for Representative Arthur D. Johnson, and that it be sent to his widow, Mrs. Arthur D. Johnson, and to his mother, Mrs. Clara Odegard, as an expression of the Legislature's sincerest condolences and best wishes.

Passed by the House January 22, 1962.

Passed by the Senate February 13, 1962.