

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36

Relating to the planning and construction of roads in Alaska, and urging the U. S. Congress to approve Senate Joint Resolution 137.

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

WHEREAS the adequacy of Alaska's military defenses which guard the northern approaches to the Nation, the development of its vast resources, and its progress as a great state are contingent on the construction of roads and highways to serve local needs, to connect the distant corners of the state, and to increase Alaska's accessibility to Canada and the United States; and

WHEREAS, although Alaska has a hard-working citizenry and an unlimited potential of becoming one of the most productive and wealthy states in the Union, it is not presently endowed with the means to independently plan and construct urgently needed roads and highways; and

WHEREAS the federal government has long neglected Alaska's highway needs as evidenced by the fact that Alaska has been deprived of federal aid highway funds during the first 40 years of these funds—from 1916 to 1956—although paying all federal taxes; and

WHEREAS, if Alaska had been allowed to share the federal highway aid on an equal basis with the other states, \$575 million would have been received since 1916; and

WHEREAS, when Alaska became a state, only two of its major cities were connected by roads, a situation unthinkable in the other states; and

WHEREAS it is believed that this situation places on the federal government a responsibility to assist Alaska to achieve the same high degree of road development

that has already been obtained by Alaska's sister states; and

WHEREAS Alaska is in the unique situation of being required to coordinate numerous highway programs with the Canadian government; and

WHEREAS U. S. Senate Joint Resolution 137, which would ameliorate this situation, has been endorsed by the U. S. Department of Commerce and approved by the Bureau of the Budget;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the U. S. Congress is urged to approve Senate Joint Resolution 137, which would authorize the Secretary of Commerce, in cooperation with the State of Alaska, to undertake engineering studies and planning surveys pertaining to highway construction in Alaska and between Alaska and Canada; 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 Luther H. Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Dennis Chavez, Chairman, Senate Public Works Committee; the Honorable Harry F. Byrd, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee; the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman, Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; the Honorable Charles A. Buckley, Chairman, House Public Works Committee; the Honorable Wilbur D. Mills, Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee; the Honorable Oren Harris, Chairman, Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House February 1, 1962.
Passed by the Senate February 16, 1962.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37

Relating to the Federal Aviation Agency station at Iliamna.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the

State of Alaska in Second Legislature, Second Session Assembled:

WHEREAS it has come to the attention