

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61

Requesting the Corps of Engineers to construct facilities at Barrow.

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

WHEREAS there is no bridge or land connection from Barrow to Browerville and the airport northeast of Browerville so that, when the stream that divides Barrow from Browerville is impassable, as it often is, it is difficult or impossible for residents of Browerville to go to work in Barrow, or for residents of Barrow to reach the airport, disrupting important health services and imposing an economic hardship on the people of that area; and

WHEREAS the Arctic Ocean has worn down the bluff in front of Browerville, endangering the inhabitants of Browerville and washing the bed of the road that runs from Barrow in front of Browerville to the airport; and

WHEREAS there is no small boat harbor near Barrow or Browerville, endangering the lives and property of fishermen and hunters during the frequent storms there; and

WHEREAS these problems could be alleviated if the United States Army Corps of Engineers were to take action as they have in many other parts of Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the United States Department of the Army through the Corps of Engineers be respectfully urged to (1) dredge the bed of the stream that divides Barrow from Browerville, making a short straight channel and a small boat harbor; (2) construct a rough bridge across the channel; and (3) shore up the bluff from the mouth of the stream to past Browerville to protect Browerville and the road running in front of it from the Arctic Ocean; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Elvis J. Stahr, Secretary of the Army; Colonel Christian Hanburger, District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army; and the Alaska delegation to Congress.

Passed by the House March 3, 1962.

Passed by the Senate March 16, 1962.

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Relating to repairs to the dike protecting Hyder.

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

WHEREAS the community of Hyder, Alaska, is situated near the east bank of the Salmon River at its entrance to the Portland Canal; and

WHEREAS Hyder has been saved in the past by a protective dike from the ravages of the Salmon River during the fall and winter seasons when, due to seasonal thawing, the river rises and overflows its banks; and

WHEREAS the protective dike was badly damaged and partially destroyed in December, 1961, because of its deteriorated condition due to many years of service, and could not resist the pressure of the rampaging waters of the Salmon River; and

WHEREAS the overflowing waters invaded the community and caused the people to fear for their lives and homes and resulted in loss of property; and

WHEREAS the community of Hyder is in imminent danger because of the present condition of the dike and are under constant threat of another flooding of the community, which its residents cannot possibly avert by their efforts; and

WHEREAS the potential loss of life and property and the loss of an old, established community of Alaska with a great expectation of future development with its many tourist attractions and its mining center capable of economic growth and prosperity warrants the immediate repair of the Hyder dike; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has established a flood control program to benefit such communities as Hyder; and

WHEREAS the U. S. Army Corps of