

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 64

Relating to federal income taxation of state and local bonds.

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

WHEREAS the State of Alaska and the political subdivisions thereof have in the past and are now currently engaged in financing, through the issuance of bonds, needed public improvements such as the building of schools, highways, water and sewer distribution systems, and other projects for the promotion of health, safety, and welfare of the people;

WHEREAS the interest income which the owner derives from such bonds has been and now is exempt from the imposition of any federal income tax;

WHEREAS the federal taxation of the interest of such bonds as income would result in the curtailment of construction of needed public improvements, and would result in either an increase of taxes imposed by the State of Alaska and any political subdivision thereof in order to pay higher interest costs, or the assumption

by the federal government of the responsibility of financing such improvements; and

WHEREAS there is currently a national movement to permit the imposition of the federal income tax on the interest income from the bonds issued or to be issued by the several states and their political subdivisions;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the President and the Congress of the United States be urged not to adopt any legislation which would subject the income from state and local bonds to a federal tax; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be mailed to the President and the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the Senators and Representative representing this State in the Congress of the United States.

Passed by the House April 2, 1962.

Passed by the Senate April 6, 1962.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 66

Relating to the need for the reopening of the Veterans Administration office in Ketchikan.

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

WHEREAS the Veterans Administration has closed the area contact office for veterans in Ketchikan; and

WHEREAS this closing has caused a hardship on the veterans living in and around Ketchikan; and

WHEREAS local and state veterans' organizations have asked that the Ketchikan contact office be reopened since the monthly visits from the representative

located elsewhere does not and cannot meet the needs of the veterans and veteran dependents in the Greater Ketchikan area; and

WHEREAS the people of this area have asked for and need the reopening of the Ketchikan area contact office;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Honorable John S. Gleason, Jr., Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, is asked to reconsider his action in closing the Ketchikan contact office of the Veterans Administration.

Passed by the House February 26, 1962.

Passed by the Senate March 19, 1962.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 70

Relating to hospitalization for Alaska and Hawaii veterans for nonservice-connected disabilities.

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

WHEREAS the Alaska delegation to Congress has introduced bills in both houses of Congress which seek to restore to veterans in Alaska and Hawaii their rights to hospital treatment for nonservice-connected disabilities; and

WHEREAS it is the purpose of S. 801 and H.R. 2923 to give Alaskan and Hawaiian veterans the same treatment as veterans of the other states who have comparatively easy access to veterans' hospitals; and

WHEREAS Alaskan and Hawaiian veterans requiring immediate emergency hospitalization are not now permitted to obtain the medical services they must have near their homes, but must be flown hundreds of miles to the nearest veterans' hospital in the United States proper; and

WHEREAS the closing of the Alaskan Veterans Administration contact offices in the cities of Fairbanks and Ketchikan have

further aggravated the problem for those veterans in need of medical treatment and care;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that Congress is respectfully urged to take favorable action this year on either S. 801 or H.R. 2923 in order that Alaskan and Hawaiian veterans may receive needed hospitalization under Veterans Administration contracts with hospitals located in their respective states; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Lister Hill, Chairman, Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee; the Honorable Olin E. Teague, Chairman, House Veterans' Affairs Committee; and the Alaska delegation to Congress.

Passed by the House February 27, 1962.
Passed by the Senate March 9, 1962.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71

Relating to the reopening of the Veterans Administration contact office in Fairbanks.

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

WHEREAS the Veterans Administration recently closed its Fairbanks contact office and veterans and veteran dependents are now served only by a visiting representative on periodic trips; and

WHEREAS the former Fairbanks office was essential to the servicing of veteran claims and needs for the entire Central and Northwestern districts of the state, an area larger than several states combined; and

WHEREAS the closing of the Veterans Administration contact office in Fairbanks is working a hardship on the veterans and

veteran dependents of this vast outlying area who now must schedule their trips to Fairbanks on the basis of the periodic trips of the Veterans Administration representative from another area; and

WHEREAS this hardship, poor service, and failure to recognize the special conditions prevailing in Alaska ought to be rectified;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Alaska delegation in Congress is requested to submit this resolution to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs and request that the needs of Alaska veterans and veteran dependents be reviewed and that the Fairbanks contact office be reopened promptly.

Passed by the House February 27, 1962.
Passed by the Senate March 17, 1962.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 73

Relating to Congressional action reducing tariffs on fish and other seafood products.

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

WHEREAS it has been reliably reported that the United States is considering the reduction of tariffs on many imported products; and

WHEREAS the reduction of tariffs must