

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