

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

be carefully considered and evaluated so as to obtain the advantages of increased participation in the European Economic Community without causing financial adversity to certain vital industries of the United States; and

WHEREAS the fishing industry of the State of Alaska, with its ready market for salmon and its newly developing halibut, shrimp, and crabmeat markets will be stifled and all but destroyed by lowering the tariffs on these varieties of seafoods; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska is presently attempting to strengthen its economic foundations by planning an enlarged fishing industry program; and

WHEREAS any new tariff reductions will cause irreparable harm and loss of jobs to a large segment of the population

of Alaska and will thereby drain the already tight economy of this fledgling state;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that any proposal for the lowering of tariffs on any imported seafoods be protested, and that it is further respectfully requested that the State of Alaska be consulted before any action on the subject is taken by the United States Government; 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 C. Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury; the Honorable Luther H. Hodges, Secretary of Commerce; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House February 28, 1962.  
Passed by the Senate March 7, 1962.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 74

**Relating to jurisdiction over Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4.**

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

WHEREAS the 1300 residents of Barrow, Alaska, are in need of fuel with which to heat their homes during the intemperate Arctic winter; and

WHEREAS federal agencies near Barrow are presently supplied by and have the exclusive use of natural gas from the South Barrow field; and

WHEREAS the land around Barrow has been defined by the President as a Naval Petroleum Reserve, with the result that residents in and around Barrow are prohibited from purchasing natural gas from the two wells now producing in that reserve; and

WHEREAS there are not enough petroleum products under the land in the reserve to warrant its classification as a Naval Petroleum Reserve; and

WHEREAS, if jurisdiction over the reserve were transferred to the Secretary of the Interior, he would be authorized to sell natural gas to those who so desperately need it;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Congress of the United States be respectfully urged to enact H. R. 3080 or its companion bill in the Senate, repealing Executive Order No. 3797-A, February 27, 1923, as amended by Public Land Order 289, July 20, 1945, and transferring jurisdiction over the land now in Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4 to the Secretary of the Interior; 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 Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Fred Korth, Secretary of the Navy; 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 Richard B. Russell, Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee; the Honorable Carl Vinson, Chairman, House Armed Services Committee; and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House March 2, 1962.  
Passed by the Senate March 17, 1962.