

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

Relating to the construction by the federal government of the proposed Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project.

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

WHEREAS the growth and development of Alaska depends upon continued planning and construction of hydroelectric projects assuring adequate power at reasonable costs to the consumer; and

WHEREAS the official 1960 U. S. Census Report shows a total population of 8,866 people residing on the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS the development of agriculture and industry on the Kenai Peninsula requires substantial amounts of low-cost electrical power; and

WHEREAS a number of public hearings sponsored by existing utilities, and studies made by engineers in the power field during the past year indicate that the Kenai Peninsula and the Cook Inlet area will face a power shortage within the next few years unless new sources are immediately developed; and

WHEREAS the U. S. Corps of Engineers has completed the study of the proposed Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project located on the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS this study has been examined and approved by the interested federal agencies and is now before the Bureau of the Budget for its consideration; and

WHEREAS this study shows that the proposed Bradley Lake Project would develop 64,000 kilowatts of energy at a cost of 7 mills per kilowatt-hour; and

WHEREAS this cost is comparable with the cost of energy produced from other possible projects of like size;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to appropriate the necessary funds for and to expedite in every possible way the construction of the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable David E. Bell, Director, Bureau of the Budget; the Honorable Elmer B. Staats, Deputy Director, Bureau of the Budget; the Honorable Harry F. Byrd, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee; the Honorable Wilbur D. Mills, Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate February 21, 1962.
Passed by the House March 17, 1962.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE
JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50

Relating to the establishment of a fur seal processing plant and fur industry in Alaska.

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

WHEREAS the U. S. Department of the Interior cancelled its contract with the Fouke Fur Company of St. Louis, Missouri, for the processing of Pribilof fur seal pelts, effective at the end of 1962; and

WHEREAS the state of Alaska realizes the importance for historical, economic, and financial reasons of locating a plant for processing this authentic Alaskan fur product within the state and near the source of the harvest; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska understands the U. S. Department of the Interior's cautious policy in negotiating a new contract for fur seal processing and heartily agrees that the excellent quality of the finished product must be upheld at its present high standard of perfection and excellence to protect its ready market; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska, having a decided interest in the future processor locating in this state, has by its Commissioner of Commerce and by its Legislature through a joint Senate and House Resources Committee at open hearings investigated the feasibility of a fur processing plant locating in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the results of the investiga-

tions support a finding that it is possible to perfect and thus continue the high standards of fur processing now existing and that the State of Alaska can provide abundant hydroelectric power, water facilities, housing, transportation, and a ready supply of labor necessary for the successful operation of a fur processing plant; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska will cooperate to the limit of its ability to encourage, foster, and aid the establishment of a fur industry as well as other new and dynamic industries through its land selection program, tax moratoriums, and economic development plans; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska envisions the further growth and expansion of the fur seal processing plant to include the many other fur pelts now available and harvested in huge quantities in the state;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legisla-

ture, Second Session assembled, that the Department of the Interior is urged to explore every possibility that would lead to the processing of the Pribilof fur seal pelts in Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Interior is requested to convey and express to all persons interested in processing the Pribilof fur seal pelts the sentiments and cooperative attitude of the State of Alaska expressed in this resolution to the processor who will locate in the State of Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable D. Otis Beasley, Administrative Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior; and the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate March 13, 1962.

Passed by the House March 21, 1962.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

Relating to the extension of the airport runway at Nome.

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

WHEREAS the development of Alaska and the well-being of its population are greatly dependent on air transportation; and

WHEREAS the use of jet commercial airplanes is rapidly increasing throughout the world and it is entirely possible that all large commercial airplanes operating in Alaska will soon be jets; and

WHEREAS the Nome airport serves numerous piston-type commercial airplanes, but its runway is not of the proper length to accommodate jets; and

WHEREAS, if the Nome airport is to continue to provide service to commercial airplanes, its runway must be lengthened to accommodate jets; and

WHEREAS commercial air transportation is a necessity to the future progress of Nome and Western Alaska and the comfort of the residents of this area; and

WHEREAS the airport at Nome should have runway facilities to provide emer-

gency landings to jets unable to use Fairbanks or Anchorage due to ice fog or adverse ground conditions; and

WHEREAS, when inclemencies exist at Fairbanks or Anchorage, the Nome airport is usually open;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Governor of the State of Alaska request the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works to give immediate consideration to extending the runway of the Nome airport to accommodate jet commercial airplanes; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal Aviation Agency is requested to assist Alaska in every possible way in making these improvements; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Najeeb E. Halaby, Administrator, Federal Aviation Agency; the Honorable Allen D. Hulen, Regional Manager, Alaskan Region, Federal Aviation Agency; and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate February 27, 1962.

Passed by the House March 3, 1962.