

country is founded are to survive, they will survive by our persuading men of their truth; and

WHEREAS the United States Information Agency is performing a valuable service to the free world in broadcasting the truth to countries in the Soviet orbit; and

WHEREAS there is, however, no transmitting station in that part of the United States closest to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and

WHEREAS the U. S. Coast Guard Cutter "Courier" which is presently assigned to the Island of Rhodes will be relieved of this assignment in about 18 months at which time a new Voice of America transmitter will go into operation on the Island of Rhodes; and

WHEREAS it is desirable and practical for the Voice of America vessel "Courier" to ply the waters of the Bering Sea; and

WHEREAS the U. S. Coast Guard vessel "Courier" could be safely berthed in Port Clarence each winter near the new U. S.

Coast Guard station on Port Clarence; and

WHEREAS the establishment of a broadcasting station in Alaska would enable the United States to reach segments of the Russian people it cannot otherwise reach;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Director of the United States Information Agency is respectfully requested to establish a Voice of America broadcasting station in Alaska, giving careful consideration to the possibility of transferring the U. S. Coast Guard vessel "Courier" and its Voice of America transmitting equipment to the Bering Sea at such time as the U. S. Coast Guard vessel "Courier" is relieved from its assignment to the Island of Rhodes; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Edward R. Murrow, Director, United States Information Agency; and to the Alaska delegation to Congress.

Passed by the Senate March 10, 1962.

Passed by the House March 31, 1962.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 67

Relating to the extension of the airport runway at Annette.

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

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

WHEREAS the advent of the jet airplane has caused the dawning of a new era in the means of transportation available to modern man; and

WHEREAS the Annette airfield provides service to numerous piston-type commercial airplanes, but its runway is not of the proper length to adequately and with complete safety accommodate jets; and

WHEREAS one of the most important uses of the Annette airfield is to provide emergency landing facilities for airplanes flying to and from Alaska; and

WHEREAS many airplanes flying to and from Alaska are jets and it is anticipated

that the number will greatly increase in the near future; and

WHEREAS, if the Annette airfield is to adequately and safely accommodate jets, its runway must be lengthened; and

WHEREAS commercial air transportation is necessary to the continued development of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Annette airfield is operated and maintained by the Federal Aviation Agency and is located on a Federal Reserve and therefore the responsibility of the Federal Government;

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 direct the Commissioner of Public Works to use his best efforts in urging the Federal Aviation Agency to extend the runway at the Annette airfield 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, Alaska Region, Federal Aviation Agency; and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate March 10, 1962.

Passed by the House April 9, 1962.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 68

Relating to the Stikine-Iskut Highway.

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

WHEREAS the Stikine-Iskut road into the Wrangell-Petersburg area of Southeast Alaska has been chosen by the Southeastern Conference on Roads and Harbors, an organization representing communities in Southeast Alaska, as the number one priority road to be built in Southeast Alaska with secondary highway funds; and

WHEREAS the Alaska International Rail

and Highway Commission recommended this route in its report; and

WHEREAS the State Highway Program has scheduled portions of this route for construction;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Highway Division, the International Development Commission, and other concerned agencies continue their program of construction and negotiation to continue work on this important project.

Passed by the Senate March 10, 1962.

Passed by the House March 17, 1962.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 69

Relating to the construction of breakwaters at Bethel.

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

WHEREAS the port of Bethel supplies the people living in the vast area drained by the Kuskokwim and Yukon Rivers with necessities; and

WHEREAS the port serves as a source of supply for the series of defense installations vital to the "White Alice" early warning system; and

WHEREAS a station of the Alaska Communications System, a station of the Federal Aviation Agency, the area headquarters for the Bureau of Indian Affairs school operation in the Kuskokwim-Yukon River areas, the Native Service Hospital for that entire area, and the Alaska National Guard Scout Battalion are all located in Bethel; and

WHEREAS the port of Kuskokwim situated across the river about two miles from Bethel has been abandoned and the facilities moved to Bethel so that Bethel

is now the only inland seaport for ocean-going vessels between the Seward Peninsula and Bristol Bay, and is, therefore, the only major source of supply for the federal agencies and defense installations listed above; and

WHEREAS the advantage of maintaining the port in Bethel rather than in Kuskokwim is that in Bethel there is no light-erage cost and handling time is reduced, which will eventually result in a reduction of the shipping costs to the community and to federal agencies in the area; and

WHEREAS the docks at Bethel, built out in the Kuskokwim River, are in grave danger of being swept away when the spring breakup brings pans of ice downriver; and

WHEREAS the main road connecting the Alaska National Guard Hanger-Lake road and the Airport-military site road, which is the supply route to the "White Alice" system and which runs along the Kuskokwim River, is in danger of being completely destroyed by erosion caused by the action of the river; and

WHEREAS, if the main road is de-