

WHEREAS the available moorage in these communities is exposed to the violence of the sea and has proven unsafe; and

WHEREAS the community of Sand Point is a port of entry and therefore its harbor facilities are especially important;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, Second Session assem-

bled, that the Governor of the State of Alaska direct the commissioner of the Department of Public Works and the director of the Division of Waters and Harbors to construct small boat harbors at Sand Point and King Cove; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that funds for these projects be provided from the marine fuel tax account and the general fund.

Passed by the Senate February 27, 1961.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

Relating to a change in the specifications for the construction of the Copper River Highway.

Be It Resolved by the Senate in Second Legislature, Second Session Assembled:

WHEREAS the Commissioner of Public Works is proceeding to Washington this week to discuss planning and programming of Alaska highway projects with the Bureau of Public Roads; and

WHEREAS one of the subjects to be discussed includes the specifications for the Copper River Highway connecting Cordova and Chitina; and

WHEREAS, if this highway is built under present specifications, it will not be finished until 1970 and the highway is needed at an earlier date if the two communities

and the area in between them are to have proper communications for development; and

WHEREAS the specifications for width of the road surface now call for a width of 26 feet but could be reduced to 18 feet with provisions for expansion as the traffic load develops;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Commissioner of Public Works, with the support of the Alaska delegation in Congress, is urged to request the Bureau of Public Roads to make the downward adjustments in the width specifications for the Copper River Highway in order that the highway may be constructed and utilized at an early date.

Passed by the Senate February 27, 1962.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41

Relating to a commendation of the Coast Guard in Alaska.

Be It Resolved by the Senate in Second Legislature, Second Session Assembled:

WHEREAS the economy of Alaska depends heavily upon the commercial fisheries along its coast, the sport fishing which brings tourists to the state, and the water transportation routes which afford the most important connection with the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, whether by choice or necessity, boats and boating are an integral part of the life of nearly every inhabitant of coastal Alaska; and

WHEREAS the extreme tides, variable

winds, and rugged and uninhabited terrain of much of the coast present hazards to life and property seldom encountered elsewhere; and

WHEREAS the United States Coast Guard is charged with the vital duties of providing aids to navigation, of breaking ice to keep water transportation lanes open, of enforcing compliance with vessel safety laws and regulations, and of providing rescue and assistance to persons and vessels endangered on or near the water; and

WHEREAS the present administration of the 17th Coast Guard District has been so vigorous and cooperative, and has shown so much understanding of the problems peculiar to Alaska that the Coast