

## House Joint Resolutions

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

**Relating to hospitalization for Alaska and Hawaii veterans for non-service connected disabilities.**

**Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

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 non-service connected disabilities; and

WHEREAS it is the purpose of S. 625 and H.R. 2048 to give Alaskan and Hawaiian veterans the same treatment as veterans of the other states who have 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 has

further aggravated the problem for those veterans in need of medical treatment and care; and

WHEREAS the apparent discrimination against veterans of Alaska and Hawaii, who served just as valiantly as veterans from other states, would be ended with the passage of S. 625 and H.R. 2048;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress is respectfully urged to take favorable action this year on either S. 625 or H.R. 2048 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 of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable John S. Gleason, Jr., Administrator of Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable Edward Mandell, M. D., Chairman, Administrators' Advisory Council; and the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House February 22, 1963.

Passed by the Senate March 1, 1963.

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

**Relating to establishing a post office at Ambler, Alaska.**

**Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

WHEREAS communication facilities are essential for the development of Alaska and the normal comforts of its population; and

WHEREAS the village of Ambler has no post office and is being by-passed, although areas around Ambler are receiving mail service; and

WHEREAS Ambler, a community of

over 100 persons, is a fast-growing community as is indicated by the fact that the state is going to build a new school in the area; and

WHEREAS there are no roads to Ambler and the only means of transportation is freight service from the Kobuk River, and airmail transported from Kotzebue to Shungnak by-passing Ambler; and

WHEREAS the receiving and sending of mail places an extreme hardship on the residents of Ambler;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Postmaster

General is respectfully urged to establish a post office at Ambler, Alaska; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable J. Edward Day, Postmaster General of

the United States, and the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House February 28, 1963.

Passed by the Senate March 4, 1963.

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

**Relating to harbor protection facilities at Sand Point and King Cove, Alaska.**

**Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

WHEREAS there are now 51 boats moored all year at Sand Point, with a summer increase of an additional 75 halibut boats and as many as 50 additional salmon boats; and

WHEREAS Sand Point is a port of call for many of the boats plying the Alaska Peninsula and Bristol Bay, where they stop for fuel, water, groceries, and to make repairs; and

WHEREAS, since the bay will accommodate only a small number of boats, a very large number must be moored farther out in an unprotected area where they are frequently damaged by storms and the prevailing strong westerly winds; and

WHEREAS there are about 40 boats moored the year around at King Cove, Alaska, with a substantial increase of fishing boats during the summer months; and

WHEREAS there is a large lagoon at King Cove, which can be entered only during high tide so that during stormy weather the boats must wait in unsheltered open water for high tide, causing frequent damage and danger to life; and

WHEREAS, if breakwaters were constructed at Sand Point and if the entrance to the lagoon at King Cove were dredged, a great measure of protection would be

afforded to the lives and properties of the people who make their living in Alaska waters; and

WHEREAS the United States Corps of Engineers recommended that a study be made of these two areas to determine the best way to proceed in creating safer boat harbors at Sand Point and King Cove; and

WHEREAS a study was made of the King Cove harbor and appropriations were recommended by the Corps of Engineers to create a safe harbor at King Cove, but funds have not yet been made available;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congress be respectfully urged to provide funds necessary for the Corps of Engineers to conduct feasibility studies for constructing breakwaters at Sand Point and provide funds for the dredging of the entrance to the lagoon at King Cove; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be mailed to the Honorable Pat McNamara, Chairman, Senate Public Works Committee; the Honorable Carl Hayden, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee; the Honorable Charles A. Buckley, Chairman, House Public Works Committee; the Honorable Clarence Cannon, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee; the Honorable Cyrus R. Vance, Secretary of the Army; Lt. General W. K. Wilson, Jr., Chief of Engineers, United States Army; Col. Kenneth T. Sawyer, District Engineer; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House February 28, 1963.

Passed by the Senate March 6, 1963.

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

**Relating to the extension of stopover privileges to through passengers of foreign air carriers landing in Alaska.**

**Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

WHEREAS the State of Alaska is actively engaged in a sound and orderly program, nationally and internationally, to promote Alaska's many advantages as a vacation land; and