

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

**Relating to the expansion of agricultural cooperation.**

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

WHEREAS the Division of Agriculture of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs have cooperated on a meat inspection program during the last five years; and

WHEREAS the meat inspection program has demonstrated that a cooperative effort provides more adequate services to Alaskan agriculture; and

WHEREAS there is a need to extend this beneficial cooperation to other facets of Alaskan agricultural development;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is respectfully urged to enter into negotiations with the Governor

of Alaska for the purpose of reaching an agreement, which will establish a closer and more comprehensive working relationship between the two agencies in agricultural matters; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to take steps to facilitate the consummation of such an agreement; 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 Phillee Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Area Director of Indian Affairs for Alaska; and members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House March 20, 1963.

Passed by the Senate March 30, 1963.

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

**Relating to the establishment of a mineral research laboratory at the University of Alaska.**

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

WHEREAS the President of the United States stressed the importance of minerals and mineral research to the economy, in his message to the Nation on March 1, 1963; and

WHEREAS the wealth and strength of nations depend to a great extent upon the mineral resources controlled and located within their borders; and

WHEREAS Alaska, the largest state of the Union and often referred to as the treasure house of minerals, is the least explored from the viewpoint of mineral reserves and those geologic factors affecting land utilization; and

WHEREAS the U. S. Geological Survey, the U. S. Bureau of Mines, and the State Division of Mines and Minerals have done and are doing excellent work within their means and structure; and

WHEREAS, because of the comprehensive volume of new research essential in the mineral industry, all federal, state, and private agencies must increase their scope of activities; and

WHEREAS Alaska is many miles removed from headquarters offices and major research laboratories of such agencies as the U. S. Geological Survey and the U. S. Bureau of Mines; and

WHEREAS a major research facility located in Alaska and operating under the general plan of "operation research" will make for better co-ordination and faster results of mineral research activities, as each of the agencies concentrates its efforts in its specialized fields; and

WHEREAS the U. S. Government has shown a growing trend to support higher education and research through such agencies as the National Science Foundation; and

WHEREAS research flourishes more in the atmosphere of a University; and

WHEREAS the University of Alaska

campus is well-established and centrally located geographically in the state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government is respectfully urged to take the steps necessary for the establishment of a mineral research laboratory on the campus of the University of Alaska, which can be appropriately and beneficially used by the federal government and other interested agencies; 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 William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Stew-

art L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture; the Honorable Jerome B. Wiesner, President's Scientific Advisor and Director of the Office of Science and Technology; the Honorable Marling J. Ankeny, Director of the U. S. Bureau of Mines; the Honorable Thomas Nolan, Director of the U. S. Geological Survey; the Honorable Edward P. Cliff, Chief Forester; the Honorable Burke Riley, Chairman, Alaska Field Committee of the Department of Interior; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House March 20, 1963.

Passed by the Senate March 30, 1963.

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

**Relating to a request urging competitive bidding for the surface mail transportation contract between Seward and Nikolski and urging the enlargement of this route to include Seattle.**

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

WHEREAS the contract for the Seward-Nikolski mail boat service will expire on June 30, 1963; and

WHEREAS the well-being and standard of living of the people of Kodiak, the Alaska Peninsula, and the Aleutian Islands, and the future development and progress of this part of the state are absolutely dependent on its water transportation and communication systems; and

WHEREAS it appears from numerous sources (Postmaster General's report, June 9, 1939; Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, Report No. 955, July 26, 1939, Calendar No. 997; and the Congressional Record, Vol. 84, Part 10, p. 10963) that, in awarding postal contracts, the ability of the carrier to provide adequate passenger and freight service is an extremely important consideration; and

WHEREAS freight has been delayed as long as three months because of the small size and slow speed of the present ship; and

WHEREAS the present ship lacks adequate facilities to transport products re-

quiring refrigeration; and

WHEREAS present passenger accommodations are grossly inadequate, particularly for women and children; and

WHEREAS the people on the Seward-Nikolski mail route believe that their interests and the interests of the U. S. Post Office Department could be better served by a much faster, larger, and partially refrigerated ship operating between Seattle, Seward, and Nikolski; and

WHEREAS the Seward-Nikolski mail contract has been extended in the past without the benefit of competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS competitive bidding for mail contracts with due consideration given to the ability of the bidders to provide adequate passenger and freight service has proven to be in the best public interest;

BE IT RESOLVED that the U. S. Post Office Department be respectfully urged to allow competitive bidding for the surface mail contract between Seward and Nikolski, and that this route be enlarged to include Seattle; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Postmaster General of the United States; the Regional Director, U. S. Post Office Department, Portland, Oregon; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House March 20, 1963.

Passed by the Senate April 4, 1963.