

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