

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

Relating to a Bureau of Indian Affairs feasibility study on a secondary road program.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS the many isolated villages of Northwestern Alaska continue in their isolation because they have no river-highway system for surface communication; and

WHEREAS their main communication with each other is by air transportation which is both infrequent and expensive; and

WHEREAS these villages and the general area would be benefited if they and their residents had a secondary or lesser system of connecting highways or roads; and

WHEREAS most of these isolated villages are in federal reservation lands un-

der the immediate jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior, is respectfully requested to direct the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct a feasibility study for the construction of a secondary or lesser road system to connect the isolated villages of Northwestern Alaska to the end that travel between them may be facilitated and that they be made accessible for tourism and other developments which will improve their economic status; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Philleo Nash, Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Alaska Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate March 13, 1963.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

Relating to group fares on air carriers.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS tourism has become an important industry in Alaska's economy; and

WHEREAS air carriers serving trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific routes have instituted special group fares to stimulate tour travel to the areas they serve; and

WHEREAS similar promotional fares are nonexistent on air routes between the

ka; and

WHEREAS this discrimination places Alaska in an unfair competitive position with these other areas;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to initiate appropriate action with the air carriers serving Alaska and the other states and with the Civil Aeronautics Board to the end that this inequity be removed and Alaska be placed in a better competitive position.

Passed by the Senate March 12, 1963.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

Relating to state rehabilitation and repair work at Serpentine Hot Springs.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS the state owns a building and an air strip at Serpentine Hot Springs; and

WHEREAS the building is in disrepair

and not suitable for human habitation; and

WHEREAS the air strip is in sore need of repair; and

WHEREAS the rehabilitation of the building and the repair of the air strip would make possible a wider beneficial

use of the sulphur hot springs, which can now be enjoyed by very few people;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully urged to direct the Depart-

ment of Public Works to program for the repair of the state-owned house and air strip at Serpentine Hot Springs.

Passed by the Senate March 16, 1963.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

Relating to the installation of a post office facility at Copper Valley School.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS the Copper Valley School community and its immediate environs has more than 200 residents; and

WHEREAS the community does not have any mail service although the postal delivery truck passes through the community; and

WHEREAS residents of the Copper Valley School area must now go several miles to Glennallen to deposit or pick up mail,

thus causing both hardship and inconvenience to this community; and

WHEREAS, with the mail truck passing through the community already, a post office facility at Copper Valley School could be easily established;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative from Alaska, is respectfully requested to make the appropriate representations to the Post Office Department to assure that the people of the Copper Valley School area are provided with a post office facility in their community.

Passed by the Senate March 7, 1963.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28

Relating to the investigation by the Congress of the United States of certain unfair rate practices of the Alaska Railroad.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission; and

WHEREAS competing Alaska motor and water carriers are subject to the jurisdiction of said Commission, and are obliged to apply to said Commission and file proposed rate changes for a period of 30 days before the Commission will consider such rate changes; and

WHEREAS, by Supplement 27 to Freight Tariff 63-A issued on February 10, 1963, and effective on February 23, 1963, the Alaska Railroad gave notice of rate reductions on three items of its Freight Tariff; and

WHEREAS such practice, under which the Alaska Railroad may issue tariff changes with only ten days' notice, gives

it an unfair advantage over competing private carriers who are obliged to give 30 days' notice of their tariff changes;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to investigate the rate-changing policies of the Alaska Railroad; and that the findings resulting from the investigation be included with the material relating to the present legislation now pending before the Congress, which would place the regulation of rates of the Alaska Railroad under the Interstate Commerce Commission; 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 Warren Magnuson, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce of the Senate; the Honorable Oren Harris, Chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House of Representatives; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate March 15, 1963.