

WHEREAS the placement by the U. S. Public Health Service of a public health nurse at Hoonah would benefit both the health and the economic well-being of the community;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of Health, Welfare, and Education and the Surgeon General, United States Public

Health Service, are respectfully urged to station a public health nurse at Hoonah to provide essential basic health services to the residents of the area; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate March 18, 1963.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

Relating to the preparation of rules by the Supreme Court to place the Alaska Bar Association in the judicial branch.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS the courts of many states, including the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska, have held that attorneys are officers of the court and that their qualifications and fitness to practice law before the courts is a matter for final determination by the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Integrated Bar Act (AS 08.08) raises the question of whether the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar Association as presently con-

stituted is a part of the executive or judicial branch of government;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska with the assistance of the Judicial Council and the Alaska Bar Association is respectfully requested to prepare suggested rules placing the Alaska Bar Association in the judicial branch of government and report its action and recommendations, together with recommendations for any necessary legislative action consistent with its determinations, to the legislature at the time of the convening of the second session in 1964.

Passed by the Senate March 19, 1963.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

Relating to the air defense of the Nation in Northwestern Alaska.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS the Governor of Alaska and the Alaska delegation in Congress have continually expressed their alarm and complained to federal defense officials regarding the defense gap along the western and northern coasts of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the western and northern coasts of Alaska are the back door to the Nation; and

WHEREAS it has been established for years that Soviet Russia has ringed western Alaska with air bases along the coast of and throughout Soviet Siberia posing a continuing threat to Alaska's meager interior defenses which are the defense frontier of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, while official attention is

showered on a few Russian troops 60 miles from Florida and Soviet air surveillance of American ships at sea, Soviet reconnaissance planes have been flying over the American defense frontier territory of Southwestern Alaska; and

WHEREAS the area flown over by the Russians is without any American military base, and the nearest defense bases are from 700 to 1,000 miles distant; and

WHEREAS this entire frontier area so close to Russian bases is not immediately served by American reconnaissance and interceptor forces, which are considered essential in the Caribbean area; and

WHEREAS there is a former Air Force airfield now available at Nome, which, along with other sites along this defense perimeter, could and should be used for the stationing of fighter interceptor and reconnaissance squadrons;