

American Congress, May 16-18, 1963; and

WHEREAS the most direct route connecting the State of Alaska to the Pan American Highway is the Okanagan-Cariboo Trail which begins at Osoyoos, British Columbia, and continues on the present Route 97 to Fairbanks, and will eventually be connected with Nome; and

WHEREAS the projected route becomes the logical highway to be used to defend the entire western hemisphere; and

WHEREAS the Okanagan-Cariboo Trail and the present Route 97 were favorably considered at the last Pan American Highway Congress;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pan American Highway Congress is respectfully urged to act favorably upon designation of the North-South Highway System and designating the Okanagan-Cariboo Trail as the route that will be used; and be

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Rex M. Whitton, Federal Highway Administrator and Chairman of the Pan American Congress; to member countries of the Pan American Congress; and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate March 30, 1963.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56

Relating to encouraging Congress to take favorable action upon a request by the director of the Bureau of Mines for funds to carry on a mineral resource study

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for resource development in the Nation, and especially in Alaska; and

WHEREAS studies of the kind necessary to determine the amount and the nature of Alaska's resources have never been made; and

WHEREAS a step-up in the studies of Alaska's resources is necessary because of the planned construction of the Rampart Canyon Dam on the Yukon River, which has created a demand for knowledge of resources in the area of the hydroelectric plant; and

WHEREAS Marling Ankeny, Director of the Federal Bureau of Mines, has asked

that funds be made available for these mineral resource studies, which will begin July 1, 1963;

BE IT RESOLVED that Congress is respectfully urged to take favorable action on the Bureau's request, so that the full resource potential of Alaska may be developed; 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 Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Clarence Cannon, Chairman, House Committee on Appropriations; the Honorable Carl Hayden, Chairman, Senate Committee on Appropriations; the Honorable Marling Ankeny, Director, Bureau of Mines; and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate March 30, 1963.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57

Relating to the need for remedial action in connection with Alaska's air transportation problems.

Be It Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS the State of Alaska encompasses an area one-fifth the size of the older 48 states; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska with approximately 5,000 miles of road within its boundaries is dependent on air service for the prompt dispatch of its inter- and intra-state mail, for travel inside and outside the state, and for the transportation of freight, items of food and clothing, and building materials and such; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska is an