

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

**Relating to the safeguarding of homesteader rights through the establishment of an independent Board of Public Lands Appeals.**

**Be It Resolved by the Senate:**

WHEREAS there exists no effective right to appeal decisions by the Bureau of Land Management and the Geological Survey concerning the uses of or claims to public lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS the lack of such an effective right of appeal adversely affects many actual and potential public land users in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the lack of such an effective right of appeal thwarts the carrying out of the Acts of Congress governing the uses of the public lands; and

WHEREAS this lack of an effective right to appeal has existed for too many years and should be promptly remedied; and

WHEREAS a bill to correct these inequities has been introduced in the Senate of the United States by Alaska's Senators, the Honorable Ernest Gruening and the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, and other Senators; and

WHEREAS this corrective legislation would establish a Board of Public Lands Appeals to hear locally appeals from decisions by the Bureau of Land Management and the Geological Survey concerning the uses or claims to public lands; and

WHEREAS untold numbers of homesteaders in Alaska, in making original application for land patents, have been ad-

vised of the alleged proper procedure to follow by representatives of the Bureau of Land Management only to discover at a later date that such procedure was not proper and that as a result their patent application is invalid; and

WHEREAS such careless actions have caused homesteaders in Alaska to experience undue hardships and mental anguish; and

WHEREAS such hardships have cost said homesteaders wasted hours of labor and wasted expenditures of money; and

WHEREAS such action by a federal agency is intolerable, unnecessary, and inexcusable; and

WHEREAS such irresponsible actions point up the long overdue need for corrective measures;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate supports legislation establishing a Board of Public Lands Appeals established as an independent agency outside the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior to hear appeals from decisions rendered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Geological Survey concerning the uses or claims to public lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Department of the Interior, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Alaska Congressional delegation.

Passed by the Senate April 4, 1963.

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62

**Commending efforts for scheduling the national ski events at Mount Alyeska.**

**Be It Resolved by the Senate:**

WHEREAS, beginning on April 4, Alaska will serve as host to outstanding ski organizations and individuals from throughout the Nation who will be participating in the 1963 U. S. National Alpine Championships

and Olympic Tryouts at Mount Alyeska; and

WHEREAS this will be the first time Alaska has played host to a national sports event; and

WHEREAS the basic responsibility for arrangements for staging this national sport event has been with Alaska skiers;

and

WHEREAS the Chugach Ski Club and Racing Association of Anchorage is in charge of all arrangements for these events at Mount Alyeska;

BE IT RESOLVED that the congratulations of the Senate are extended to the members of the Chugach Ski Club and Rac-

ing Association and to all other individuals and organizations assisting in and participating in the 1963 U. S. National Alpine Championships and Olympic Tryouts, and extends its best wishes to all participants for the development of a winning team to represent the United States at the Winter Olympics at Innsbruck, Austria.

Passed by the Senate April 3, 1963.

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 63

**Relating to the promotion of the use of Alaska canned salmon.**

**Be It Resolved by the Senate:**

WHEREAS the processing and sale of Alaska canned salmon is of great economic importance to the state; and

WHEREAS the salmon processing industry has asked the state to participate in the promotion of the use of Alaska canned salmon throughout the Nation; and

WHEREAS a special joint committee of the Legislature has been able to give this subject only preliminary attention; and

WHEREAS the subject is deserving of and requires a thorough examination of need and costs;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Economic Development and Planning to study the need for and cost of a cooperative program with the Alaska canned salmon industry for the promotion of the use of canned salmon throughout the Nation and report its findings through the Governor to the Legislature by the time it convenes in 1964.

Passed by the Senate April 9, 1963.

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 64

**Relating to the Alaska structure at the New York World's Fair.**

**Be It Resolved by the Senate:**

WHEREAS Alaska, in the eyes of the Nation and the world, increasingly symbolizes the last frontier of our western civilization; and

WHEREAS Alaska, with its exhibit at the New York World's Fair, is in a position to emphasize this change in the visitors' traditional concept of the West; and

WHEREAS Alaska, in addition to its scenic wonders and its pioneers' achievements has a rich heritage of Native design and arts;

BE IT RESOLVED that Alaska's out-

standing architectural creation, the Tlingit community house, be the theme of Alaska's exhibition building at the New York World's Fair; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that, as a boost to Alaska's economy and as an advertisement of Alaska's wood products, as a saving in the funds appropriated for Alaska's participation at the Fair, and as an encouragement and gesture of appreciation to our few surviving Native woodcarvers and other Native craftsmen, the planned structures be pre-fabricated in Alaska to the fullest extent possible and assembled in New York, making full use of the advertising value of this plan and procedure.

Passed by the Senate April 9, 1963.