

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 65

**Relating to legislation pending in Congress authorizing compensation to the Yakutat community of Tlingit Indians for the extinction of their original Indian title.**

**Be It Resolved by the Senate:**

WHEREAS it has been traditional policy of the United States to perfect its title to its public domain by purchase of any outstanding original Indian title, or to provide for appropriate compensation to the Indians when land has been taken without its full titles having been so cleared; and

WHEREAS the United States during the last ten years has granted hundreds of oil and gas leases upon federally owned land (outside the Tongass National Forest) in that coastal area of Alaska which extends along the Gulf of Alaska from Cape Fairweather to the Copper River without first having purchased the original Indian title to said land; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of a special jurisdictional act, the Court of Claims on October 7, 1959, authorized further proceedings for determination of compensation for the 1909 taking by the United States of the part of the coastal area that lies within the boundaries of the Tongass National Forest, there being, however, no statutory or other provision for compensation for the more recent taking of the part of that area which is outside that forest; and

WHEREAS it appears that the United States still retains approximately \$500,000 of the rentals which it has received from

the above-described leases over and above the percentage which it has remitted to the Territory of Alaska and the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS there is presently pending in the Congress of the United States House Joint Resolution 273, which would have the effect of compensating the Yakutat community of Tlingit Indians with at least the full amount of revenues from leases presently held by the Federal government; and

WHEREAS it is altogether fitting and proper that the original inhabitants of Alaska receive full and adequate compensation for land which was exclusively theirs from time immemorial but which is now necessary for the full development of the State of Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska urges prompt consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 273 by the Congress of the United States; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the Senate; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Philleo Nash, Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and to the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate April 10, 1963.

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66

**Relating to the Honorable Charles D. Jones of Nome.**

**Be It Resolved by the Senate:**

WHEREAS Alaska is now observing the 50th anniversary of the meeting of the First Alaska Territorial Legislature in 1913; and

WHEREAS the Honorable Charles D. Jones of Nome served in that Legislature and returned to it 40 years later to serve for four years in the Territorial Senate; and

WHEREAS this distinguished pioneer miner and statesman has decided to retire from the scene of his pioneering activities and join his fellow pioneers and friends at the Pioneers' Home at Sitka to enjoy the companionship of yesteryears during the autumn of a happy and productive life;

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Senate salute their former colleague on the occasion of his retirement, and extend their sincerest and best wishes for many happy years of active ease as Alaska's elder statesman.

Passed by the Senate April 10, 1963.