

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44

Requesting the establishment of a veterans' hospital in Alaska.

WHEREAS there is not available in the State of Alaska a veterans' hospital for the care of sick and disabled veterans and it is necessary to send these men and women far away from their homes and families to other states for hospital and domiciliary care; and

WHEREAS it is needless and unnecessary expense to the taxpayers to transport our veterans in and out of Alaska for treatment and care because of the lack of facilities at home;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress is requested to authorize the Veterans

Administration to plan for and construct a veterans' hospital in Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Carl Hayden, President pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable John S. Gleason, Jr., Administrator of the Veterans Administration; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House March 12, 1964.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

Requesting federal action to make the waters of Southeast Alaska safe for navigation.**Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:**

WHEREAS the extensive waterways of Southeast Alaska are the highways of the area for commercial and other travel and communication vital to the life and development of the region; and

WHEREAS the navigation of these water highways by freighters, state ferries, cruise ships, and fishing vessels in safety is of prime concern to those using and depending on the use of these waters; and

WHEREAS in recent months the commerce of Southeast Alaska has been hindered, threatened, and delayed due to the presence of obstacles to safe navigation in the area, particularly in the waters of Whitestone Narrows, Sergius Narrows, and Wrangell Narrows; and

WHEREAS the presence of these navigation obstacles and the lack of aids to navigation have placed an undue burden on private and public water transportation through the loss of both money for expenses, repairs, and time lost on schedules; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska, through Governor William A. Egan, and private industry, through the Alaska Steamship Company, have requested that new surveys be made of and additional aids to navigation be installed in or relocated in Southeast Alaska waters to remove continuing threats to commerce, personal safety, and property;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, with the cooperation of the U. S. Coast Guard and the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey is respectfully and urgently requested to take immediate action for the resurvey of Southeast Alaska waters, the removal of obstacles to navigation, and the appropriate placement or relocation of aids to navigation to the end that private and public commerce on the waters of Southeast Alaska may have the protection necessary to its survival as the "lifeline" of the region; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury; the Honorable Paul H. Nitze, Secretary of the Navy; Admiral Edwin J. Roland, Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard; Lt. General Walter K. Wilson, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army;

the Honorable H. Arnold Karo, Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey, Department of Commerce; Rear Admiral George D. Synon, Commander, 17th Coast District; Colonel Kenneth Sawyer, District En-

gineer, Corps of Engineers (Alaska); and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House March 21, 1964.
Passed by the Senate March 26, 1964.

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

Relating to appropriate federal action to protect the interests and rights of persons and villages affected by the Rampart Dam hydroelectric project.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:

WHEREAS the proposed Rampart Dam hydroelectric power project is a project of vital concern to the Nation and the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS studies are proceeding to determine the feasibility of construction of this project and the Legislature wishes to make known that it is cognizant of the effect of the construction and completion of this project on the people and villages now occupying the area to be flooded for the reservoir; and

WHEREAS it is the urgent desire of the Legislature that the federal agencies concerned with the project take immediate action for studies necessary to determine the means for the relocation, reimbursement, and the protection of rights of the people and villages concerned and that provision be made for the following:

1. Each village to be relocated at a site agreed upon by the inhabitants of the village;

2. All church, business, and organizational edifices located at the original village site be relocated at or near the new village site;

3. Priority in employment for the clearing of the reservoir and other construction work on the hydroelectric project be given to the village and rural population now occupying the affected area, and that immediate steps be taken to qualify these people for employment on the general project;

4. Rules and regulations regarding labor be waived in the employment of local inhabitants on the dam project and that jobs be assigned on the basis of physical ability to perform the work assigned; and

5. The villages affected by the construction of said dam shall be given first priority for such timber cleared from Rampart Dam Basin as may be reasonably used by them for local construction and firewood;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Government, through the Department of the Interior, is respectfully and urgently requested to proceed with the necessary studies and action to accomplish the goals of this resolution, and to provide the Legislature and the villagers involved with precise information and assurances as to what will be done for said villagers; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Carl Hayden, President pro Tempore of the Senate; the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable W. Willard Wirtz, Secretary of Labor; the Honorable Floyd E. Dominy, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; the Honorable Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Clarence F. Pautzke, Commissioner, Fish and Wildlife Service; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Alaska Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the House March 18, 1964.
Passed by the Senate March 23, 1964.