

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

Requesting the installation of boarding facilities at the William E. Beltz Vocational School.

Be it Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS the state vocational school at Nome is now nearing completion; and

WHEREAS, before its regular occupancy for use as a vocational school the facilities will be used to train residents of the Northwestern District under the Manpower Training Act; and

WHEREAS the schooling offered will attract students from the vast area constituting the Northwestern District and housing facilities for these students is not available in Nome; and

WHEREAS the success of the school and its program depend on the number

of students from the entire area it can serve;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is requested to move with dispatch to use the money included in the President's Budget for the provision of room and board facilities at the William E. Beltz Vocational School; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Alaska Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate February 26, 1964.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

Relating to federal assistance to the domestic gold production industry.

Be it Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS the mining of gold in the United States has declined sharply for years because of enormously increased costs of production as contrasted with a gold price that has remained fixed; and

WHEREAS a sharp reflection of the decline of the domestic gold production industry is found in the State of Alaska, which produced 850,000 ounces of new gold in 1940, contrasted with 114,000 in 1961, and employed 4,000 men in gold mining in 1940, contrasted with 500 men in 1962; and

WHEREAS the domestic gold production industry cannot fairly be expected to continue production in a situation in which profit is impossible; and

WHEREAS the Honorable Ernest Gruening, United States Senator from Alaska, in a bill co-sponsored by the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, United States Senator from Alaska, and four other distinguished United States Senators, has proposed legislation to authorize

payments to individual miners of gold so as to compensate for their costs of production today as compared with the peak production year of 1940; and

WHEREAS the Legislature of the State of Alaska holds to the view that a modest subsidy of the domestic gold production industry would in no serious way weaken the dollar or add to international balance of payments problems; and

WHEREAS this nation should not neglect adequate development of the ample resources of gold with which it has been favored, but rather should develop a gold production industry capable of fulfilling all domestic requirements for gold in industry, commerce, and the arts;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to take favorable action on the legislation proposed by Senator Gruening to assist the domestic gold mining industry; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Douglas Dillon,

Secretary of the Treasury; the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chair-

man, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate March 3, 1964.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

Relating to fisheries research projects in Northwestern Alaska.

Be it Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS the development of commercial fisheries in the waters adjoining Northwestern Alaska will strengthen the economy of the State of Alaska and provide job opportunities for our citizens; and

WHEREAS commercial salmon fishing in this area has increased steadily since 1962, and whitefish, sheefish, shellfish, and other species in this area are of potential commercial value; and

WHEREAS research projects regarding the stream escapement, migration patterns, and other pertinent characteristics of these marine resources will materially contribute to the development of profit-

able fisheries in this area;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game are requested to establish extensive research projects regarding marine resources of commercial value in Northwestern Alaska as soon as possible; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable F. Pautzke, Commissioner, Fish and Wildlife Service; the Honorable Walter Kirkness, Commissioner, State Department of Fish and Game; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate March 2, 1964.

CS FOR SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

Relating to the road program of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Be it Resolved by the Senate:

WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs administers a program for the construction of roads on Indian lands and Indian reservations; and

WHEREAS the usefulness of this program to Alaska is limited by the definition of scope because the conditions in the other states do not apply to those prevailing in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Indian lands of Northwestern Alaska consist mostly of communities separated from one another by other federal lands rather than following the large reservation system found in many other states; and

WHEREAS the need of these Alaskan Native communities for connection with

one another is even more imperative than that of the traditional Indian reservations which in many cases are surrounded or bordered by developed private or state lands;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is requested to re-assess its road building program to broaden its scope to include the conditions peculiar to Indian and federal lands in Alaska and the people and communities to be served; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Philleo Nash, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the Honorable Robert L. Bennett, Alaska Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Passed by the Senate March 17, 1964.